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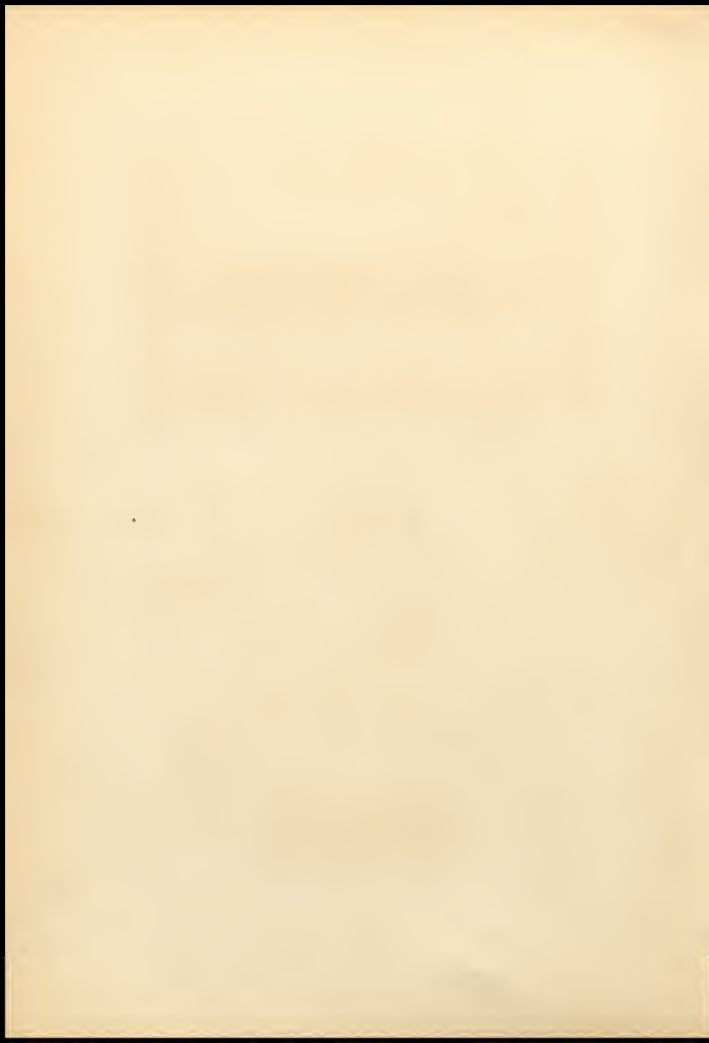
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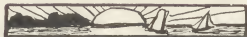
To Miss Ona Shindler

*"No laurel wreath can we bestow
Or jeweled medal rare;
Nor feeble words can e'er express
What deep regard we bear
For her, who planted day by day,
Ideals that higher grew;
And life's adventure is more real
Because of knowing YOU."*



Foreword

To remind you of happy times and
to record the events of another
Successful
High School Year
We present this 1927
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ADMINISTRATION





C. ROSS DEAN

Superintendent of Schools
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In the four years the class of '27 has been in Rensselaer High School Mr. Dean has been a good friend to us. He is one of the sponsors of the Hi-Y Club and is very much interested in his work with the boys.

MRS. JUDSON J. HUNT

Mrs. Hunt is treasurer of the Board of Education.

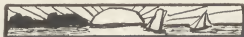
During the years that Mrs. Hunt has been a member of the board, she has shown her interest in the students and student activities in many ways. Everyone realizes her sincerity and loyalty.

GEORGE COLLINS

Mr. Collins is president of the Board of Education. He is not only a patron of the school, but is a loyal friend of all the students and is always interested in their welfare.

FRED ARNOTT

Mr. Arnott is the secretary of the Board of Education of the city schools. Although he is a very quiet, unobtrusive man, he has always taken an active interest in school affairs and weighs carefully the questions that arise in the performance of his duties.





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SENIORS





VIRGINIA THOMPSON (Gin)

"There's great ability to know how to show one's ability."

President Senior Class; Masque and Wig 3-4 (Pres. 4); Rensselaerien staff 3-4; Chaos staff 2-3; Glee Club 2-3; Typewriting team 3; Student Council 4 (Vice-Pres.); Home Economics Club 4.

DELOSS ROWEN (Cy)

"He has no time for folly. From joy has no relief. But he is always jolly."

Who? The Editor-in-Chief." Vice-President Senior Class; Editor-in-Chief Chaos; Student Council 3-4; Rensselaerien staff 3-4; Hi-Y Club 2-3-4; Masque and Wig 3-4; Operetta 2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Orchestra 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Track 3-4.

MARTHA GRANT (Mart)

"To those who know thee not, No word can paint! And those who know thee know All words are found."

Secretary-Treasurer Class 1-2-4; Decatur High School 3; Chaos staff 1-2-4 (Departmental Editor 4); Rensselaerien staff 1-2; G. A. A. 1-2-4; Operetta 2-4; Home Economics Club 4; Glee Club 2-4; Masque and Wig 4.

GENENE SCOTT (Scotty)

"She is one of those undecided people who keeps a picture at each end of her dancing table."

Chaos Staff 3-4 (Associate Editor 3); Class Secretary 3; Masque and Wig 3-4; Commercial Club 3; G. A. A. 1-2-3-4 (Pres. 4); Glee Club 2-3-4; Operetta 2-3-4; Orchestra 3-4.

HOWARD REED (Reed)

"He stood and dusted off his mind. And left all trace of ours behind."

Hi-Y Club 2-3-4; Football 2-3-4; Track 3-4 (Capt. 4); Class Basketball 1-2-3-4 (Capt. 1); Class Chaos Editor 3; Commercial Club 4.

RUTH PARKINSON

"Steadfast, energetic, persistent, and true. She has been, she will be, all the years through."

Glee Club 2-3-4; Latin contest 2; G. A. A. 2-3-4; Home Economics Club 3.

CLARKE JONES (Joe)

"The only acts he ever hid Were acts of kindness that he did."

Track 2-3-4 (Capt. 3); Football 3-4; Band 2-4; Orchestra 3-4; Operetta 4; Rensselaerien Staff 3; Hi-Y Club 2-3-4; Masque and Wig 3-4; Commercial Club 4.



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ALFRED P. COLLINS (Ad)

*"To take what comes of good or ill
And cling to faith and honor still,"*

National Honor Society 4 (Pres.); Class Pres. 1; Hi-Y 2-3-4 (Vice-Pres. 3-Pres. 4); Band 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4 (Capt. 4); Football 2-3-4; Book-keeping Team 3; National Athletic Scholarship Society; Pres. R. H. S. A. A. 4; Student Council Sec'y 4; Class Treasurer 3.

DOROTHY THOMPSON (Dot)

*"I wish her store
Of worth may leave her poor
Of wishes, and I wish—no more."*

National Honorary Society Vice-Pres.; Chaos Staff 2-4; Rensselaerian Staff 2, Sec'y R. H. S. A. A. 3; G. A. A. 1-2-4; Masque and Wig 3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Winner Oratorical Contest 3; Student Council 3; Home Ec. Club 4; Latin Contest 2; Operetta 2-3-4.

MARGARETTA F. TILTON (Tilly)

*"Gaze into her eyes and you see an
angel;
Gaze a little longer and you see an imp."*

National Honor Society 4; G. A. A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Operetta 2-3-4; Music Memory Contest 2-4; Rensselaerian Staff 3-4; Chaos Staff 4; Masque and Wig 3-4; Home Ec. Club 3; D. A. R. Constitutional Award 3.

ROBERT LEFLER (Bob)

"I'd be a dreamer, if you'd be my dream."

National Honor Society 4; Band 2-3-4; Orchestra 1-2-3-4; Masque and Wig 3-4; Operetta 3-4; Music Memory Contest 2-4; Commercial Club 4; Hi-Y 4.

BERNICE BURGIN (Birdy)

*"Here's to the girl with a heart and a
smile,
Who makes each game in life worth while."*

National Honor Society 4 (Sec'y); Glee Club 2-3-4; Operetta 2-3; Commercial Club 4; G. A. A. 1-2-3-4; Home Ec. Club 3; Pres. Sunshine Society 4; Sec'y-Treas. Sunshine Society 3.

DOLLY BEAVER (Lis)

*"Witty to talk with,
Pretty to walk with,
And nice to think of, too."*

National Honor Society 4 (Treas.); Glee Club 2-3-4; Operetta 3-4; Masque and Wig 3-4; Commercial Club 4; G. A. A. 2-3-4; Home Ec. Club 3; Rensselaerian Staff 3-4.

LUCILE HERATH (Bratt)

*"She is fair to see, and sweet,
Daintily from her head to feet."*

National Honor Society 4; Chaos Staff 2-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Operetta 3.

JENNINGS D. RAMEY

*"He looketh wise, nor does he
deceive his looks."*

National Honor Society 4; Boys' Scholarship Numeral 2; Hi-Y Club 2-3-4.





LILLIAN ELDER (Lib)

*"A nurse of great renown you'll see
That Lillian is ordained to be."*

G. A. A. 2-4; Commercial Club 3-4; Shorthand
Contest 3; Home Ec. Club 4.

EVELYN BORINTRAGER (Eva)

"Silence is wisdom; I am silent then."

G. A. A. 1; Commercial Club 4; Home Ec.
Club 4.

GERALD HITCHINGS (Hitch)

*"He spends our half of his time in man-
ing his own business and the other half
letting other people's alone."*

Hanging Grove H. S. 1; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Band 3-4;
Basketball 2-3-4.

LOIS MORROW (Lowy)

*"Never arrogant or proud,
Never quarrelsome or loud."*

Commercial Club 3; Typing 3; Oratorical Contest
1-2; Operetta 4; Home Ec. Club 4.

PAULINE KAHLER (Polly)

*"A maiden never bold, of spirit still and
quiet."*

Home Ec. Club 4; Commercial Club 3-4.

ERNEST TRIPP (Monkey)

*"He's in for fun;
He's in for larks;
But still to duty's call he harks."*

Lowell High School 1-2; Baseball 1-2 (Capt. 2);
Track 3; Commercial Club 3.

GOLDIE SANDERS

*"A girl she seems of cheerful yesterdays
and confident tomorrows."*

Hanging Grove H. S. 2; Basketball H. G. H. S.
2; G. A. A. 4; Commercial Club 4; Home Ec.
Club 4.

LOUIS FIALA (Felix)

"Napoleon himself was a little man."

Hanging Grove H. S. 1-2; Basketball 1-2.





WALTER ARNOTT (Walt)

*"I like work. It fascinates me;
I can sit and look at it for hours."*

Band 1-2-3-4; Football 3-4; Commercial Club 3;
Bookkeeping Team 3.

ELIZABETH LAMSON (Lib)

*"For even though vanquished,
She can argue still."*

G. A. A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Orchestra 2-3-4;
Home Ec. Club 4; Chaos Staff 4; Operetta 3-4.

DON SMITH (Smitty)

"Light headed, but only in our way."

Football 2-3-4; Renaissance Staff 1; Class Basketball (Capt. 2).

VERNEISE HARRIS (Decie)

*"It is a friendly heart that has plenty of
friends."*

Commercial Club 3-4; G. A. A. 1-2-3-4; Art Club
1-2-3; Home Ec. Club 4.

DELLA BATES (Del)

*"Her strength is not of muscle bred
But of the heart and of the head."*

Home Ec. Club 3; Commercial Club 4; G. A. A.
3-4.

MARY REED (Kayo)

*"Modest, as her blushing shows,
Happy, as her smiles disclose."*

Glee Club 2-3; Operetta 3; Commercial Club 3-4;
G. A. A. 1-2-3-4; Home Ec. Club 1.

WILLIAM WARD (Bill)

*"You'll have friends instead of neighbors
For the profits of your labors."*

Class Vice-Pres. 1; Commercial Club 4; Operetta
3; Football 1-2-3-4 (Capt. 4); Basketball 1-2-3-4;
Track 1-2-3-4.

AMOS DAVISSON

*"To play my little part, nor shrink
That greater honors are not mine."*

Agriculture Club 3; Band 3-4; Hi-Y 3-4.





MADALENE CAMPBELL (Hump)

*"If silence were golden,
I'd be a pauper."*

Home Ec. Club 4; G. A. A. 1; Commercial Club
3-4; Oratorical Contest 1-2.

WILLIAM AMSLER (Bill)

"Under fore's heavy burdens do I sink;"
Pic Club 2; Bible Study 2-4.

LORRAINE SMITH (Smitty)

*"Classes take up so much time that night
be used to better advantage."*

Commercial Club 3-4; Home Ec. Club 4.

DELOS BENGSTON (Swede)

"Don't wake me up,—let me dream."

Band 1; Football 2-3; Track 3; Athletic Manager
4; Basketball 1-2-3.

CLIFFORD RANDLE (Skinney)

*"What I have learned I have forgotten;
What I know, I have guessed at."*

Yell Leader 2; Oratorical Contest 3; Commer-
cial Club 4; Track 4; Rensselaerien Staff 3.

FRANCES GRANT (Huldy)

*"Let the world slide, let the world go by;
a fig for care, a fig for woe."*

Glee Club 2-3-4; Masque and Wig 3-4; Operetta
3; Rensselaerien Staff 3-4; Home Ec. Club 2-4.

HELEN BORINTRAGER

*"Winning is her way, and pleasant is her
smile."*

Home Ec. Club 4; Commercial Club 3-4.

HARRIET McKAY

*"Her life's ambition would be repaid, if all
her commands would be obeyed."*

Typing Contest 2; Commercial Club 4; Home
Ec. Club 4.



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LOUISE CEDARWALL (Skinny)

"Cheerful company shortens the miles"
Fair Oaks 1-3; Class Secretary-Treasurer 1; Commercial Club 4.

ADRA LEE (A)

*"Now life as I view it means pleasure on
pain
As laughter an' weepin' an' sunshine an'
rain."*
G. A. A. 1-2; Commercial Club 4; Home Ec. Club 4.

RUSSEL IHNE

*"All great men are dying, and I don't
feel well myself."*
Band 1-2-3-4; Orchestra 2-3-4; Operetta 3-4; Hi-Y Club 2-3-4; Commercial Club 4.

VERA OGLE (Jim)

*"Quiet lass, there are but few
Know the treasures hid in you."*
Medaryville 1-2-3; Class Editor 2; Commercial Club 4.

IRENE YEOMAN (Renie)

*"The mildest manner
And the gentlest heart."*
Commercial Club 3-4; Operetta 2; G. A. A. 2-3-4; Home Ec. Club 3; Glee Club 2-3.

GLADYS ROBINSON

*"A merry heart goes all the way,
A sad one lags in a mile."*
Hanging Grove H. S. 1-2; Glee Club 3; Home Ec. Club 4.

FRANK HECKINGER (Heck)

*"The simple, silent, selfless man,
Is worth a world of tonguesters."*
Scholarship Numeral 3 (Honorable Mention 2); Commercial Club 4 (Treas.); Bible Study 2-3-4.

VIOLA COX (Vi)

*"Her eyes and her manner
Bespeak ambition."*
Art Club Contest Winner 2; Art Club 1-2-3; G. A. A. 1-2-3-4; Commercial Club 3-4; Glee Club 2-3; Home Ec. Club 4.





SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

President	Virginia Thompson
Vice-President	Deloss Rowen
Secretary-Treasurer	Martha Grant
Sponsor	Miss Stahl

Class Colors—Old Gold and Grey

Class Flower—Yellow Rose

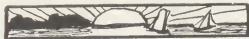
Class Motto—He can conquer who thinks he can.

Eastward, ever eastward, move the crude grammarian hordes across that narrow but treacherous street, which has turned the lives of many into unrighteous and devious paths, into High School Jungle. These migrations are yearly and take place in the early part of September. In the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three, an especially large and fine band sought refuge in Jungle-land. Though a trifle unwelcome at first, their beauty and sweet ways soon won a place for them in the hearts of the faculty and other Jungle inhabitants.

The most casual of observers could detect a greenish tinge about them, which stamped them definitely, but not unalterably, as Freshmen. Miss Stahl very kindly consented to guide them through the next four years, and to shield them in a small measure from the ravishing, destructive forces of the upper class-men, for which heaven be praised. As is the way with even the most uncivilized tribes, a desire for strong and courageous leaders is always prevalent. In accordance with this admirable tendency, Alfred Collins was chosen president.

Time rolled on. Another year was begun, with many of the newcomers of the preceding year returning to take up the burdens of Jungle life once more. William Malone was chosen to guide them through the trials and tribulations common to Sophomores. Needless to say, these tiny folk played a part in activities and often excelled their older and more advanced brethren. Special mention is due them in athletics and Latin this year.

The Junior year was now begun. William Malone again occupied the position of president. The heads of the Juniors were swelling to an extremely dangerous degree, and relief for this condition was nowhere in sight. The little dears were so patriotic that the overflowing enthusiasm and ardor for their country's constitution found expression on paper, in the form of essays. These were then delivered, and, surely, even the most skeptical must admit that they had some orators in the making. One of the future orators won the county contest. Another of the Juniors won the D. A. R. medal for the best essay on the constitution. They acquitted themselves remarkably well in athletics this year. Their other honors were added to, and the main social event of the year, the prom, was carried through in a very successful manner, which, of course, increased the ungainly swelling of the cranium.





Ah, it seems that this little band has at last attained the long battled for and dizzying height which enables them to be called Seniors. In verification of this fact we will add that there is scarcely a trace of that greenish hue which was so apparent four years ago. Virginia Thompson is elected president for this cherished last year that these wanderers will ever spend in their beloved Jungle. That dreadful swelling of the head, which was becoming dangerous last year, has not decreased. Many believe that there will be no relief for this pitiable condition until the Seniors leave the sheltering folds of High School Jungle and go forth into the world—as Freshmen once more.

LUCILE HERATH, '27.



SOLILOQUY OF A SENIOR

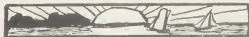


There is a land of pure delight,
Where teachers are not found,
And mathematics wrapped in night,
English and Latin underground.
There we shall meet some happy day
When alumni we shall be,
And see the school house far away,
And rejoice that we are free.

Buttonholes we've mastered now,
Of which Miss Clarke demands,
Covert's weeds and Bundy's Cow—
Will always be in our land.
Meyer's history we have absorbed
For three long years. Oh, my!
Miss Shindler's music we'll record
In that lovely home on high.

Oh, we'll be glad when we are gone,
And have left our books behind,
To be forever secondhand,
And used by Freshmen blind.
Oh, we'll be glad when we can leave
Miss Norris with her grammar,
The geometry class in the afternoon
And Webb's chemical hammer.

L. A. M., '27.



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Das
Neta



Clay's headed the class



the Jack



Johny rolling
pin rollers



Dot Day for (1)



mother triangle. Dagny - 117



Three



Thundering heads



Who mother's turn
Maye



Two Morning Naps



Where's the parade?



Famous love lines



Whither over the ad?



How
black?



Little, dark brown in person



Great party in
the house



SENIOR PROPHECY

(Scene, living room of the "Old Maid's Memorial Home," situated at Eagle Pass, Texas. The two characters, Floy and Melissy, elderly ladies, are seated before a blazing log fire in the open fire place. Both ladies have gray hair, with just a remaining trace of the dark. Their faces, marked with character lines and crows-feet about the eyes, are suggestive of age. They are dressed similarly, in some soft color with a touch of lace at the throat and wrists. Floy is quietly mending, while Melissy, with a sewing basket on the table beside her, is reading a paper. As the curtain rises, the two are slowly rocking in two low rockers.)

Floy: Melissy, for some reason I'm mighty tired tonight. Would you ever have dreamed in the good old days at R. H. S. that Francie Grant would make such a crabby old maid? I haven't done a thing today that pleased her. I'm just that tired I'm about to drop in my tracks.

Melissy (looking up from paper): You poor thing. I know just how you feel. But don't worry—guess you'd be crabby too if you had had as many love affairs as Francie has—and then have to end your days in an old maid's home.

Floy: Oh, I do feel ashamed of myself for complaining, but since this rheumatiz has been bothering me, I just haven't the patience I used to have. (A twinge of rheumatism now strikes her.) Oh, oh, my land! My "jints" are predicting a change in the weather.

Melissy: Yes, I do believe it is getting kind o' cool. The fire feels good tonight. Makes me think of Indiana,—and Indiana makes me think of the old days in R. H. S. Isn't it strange that five of us should happen to drift down to this place? Francie and Gladys started it to make a living. Then you and I—well, you know how we happened to come. But Walter—wasn't it funny about him? He came to the door one morning to beg for his breakfast, and when I happened to go to the door—well, really he was just overcome when he saw a familiar face. He just broke down and cried like a child. You know he is so grateful to Francie for giving him this caretaker's job he is just working his fingers off. You remember how energetic he was in the old days!!

Floy: Yes, I remember. Poor "Tater." (Short silence here. Melissy lays aside paper and takes up mending.)

Melissy: My land! I see there has been another jail-break. From the account here in the paper it must be as bad as that one back in thirty-five, when those three safe-crackers handcuffed the jailor and got away. My land, who would think that any of our old class-mates would come to that!

Floy: That Scott girl and Virginia Thompson were usually up to some mischief, but I am surprised that Dorothy should be in it. She was always such a straightforward, conscientious girl. Maybe the poor woman was driven to it.

Melissy: Let's see. Do you remember what made them do that? The papers were full of it at the time. (Thinks a moment.) Oh, don't you remember? They were looking for—

Floy (interrupting): False teeth! You know that famous Lady Von Hindenburg that made such a hit in America? Came over from Germany, you will remember. Well, she possessed some false teeth that had diamond



settings—well, you know, "Gin" always was so crazy over something different—she took a fancy to those false teeth and tried to steal them. Of course Genene and Dorothy were in it too. They had served about half of their sentence when they broke jail. I don't know if they were ever caught or not.

Melissy: No, I don't believe they were. The devil himself couldn't have caught that bunch, once they broke loose. My, just think how many years have passed since we were in school together. I wonder what has become of all the class? Let's see—who were they all?

Floy: Well—let me think. Of course Francie and Gladys are here; and we needn't worry about Walter Arnott either, 'cause he's a perfectly good janitor. Whenever I think of Walter I think of Ernest Tripp; they were about the laziest boys in school. Whatever did become of him?

Melissy: Oh, don't you remember? He was the one who wrote that sensational book, the author of which wasn't known for so long—"Slumber Lost" was the name, I believe.

Floy: Yes, I guess that's right. I remember Lillian Elder, too. She was so nice and quiet. I've always been glad she turned out to be a good nurse. That was her one ambition. Last I heard of her she was a nurse in some royal family of Russia.

Melissy: Vera Ogle realized her ambition, too. Wasn't she a private teacher for some society people in New York?

Floy: Yes, I guess she was. I expected her to do something like that, though.

Melissy (disregarding Floy's little speech): Speaking of Lillian and Vera reminds me of Goldie Sanders. Lillian and Goldie were always going around together. Who'd ever think Goldie would turn out to be such an actress?

Floy: Let me see—her picture was "Just Another Blonde." Well, I guess she was just the type, all right.

Melissy: There were some more movie stars out of our class, too; there were Evelyn and Helen Borntrager and Pauline Kahler and—

Floy (interrupting): Yes, and you remember Madeline Campbell and Louise Cedarwall and Viola Cox went to Paris as models. My land, how all this brings back old times.

Melissy: Whenever I think of Madeline I always think of Elizabeth Lamson. They sure did argue in that English class when we were Seniors. I wonder if Elizabeth was ever married?

Floy: I believe she studied law. Why, sure! Don't you remember that big Leffer divorce case? Elizabeth was his wife's lawyer.

Melissy: I believe you're right. His wife was (pause) Ruth Parkinson! That was certainly a shock. Poor Ruth, she was so deserving of a devoted husband, too.

Floy: I'm sure surprised that Bob didn't marry Lorraine Smith in the first place. He used always to think so much of her. How did that divorce case finally come out? 'Tain't quite clear in my mind.

Melissy: Well, if I recall rightly, Bob employed Russel Ihne as his lawyer, and, as you said, Ruth hired Elizabeth—when it came to arguing the two were about nip and tuck.

Floy: Yes, but of course Elizabeth won out—she usually did. I don't know what became of Lorraine after she couldn't marry Bob, but he, poor



fellow, lost his mind and tried to commit suicide. (Here is a lull in the conversation while the two ladies go on with their mending.)

Melissy: Ha! Ha! (Fit of laughter.)

Floy: Now what?

Melissy: Oh, I was just laughing—just got to thinking about the time Bill Amsler froze his ears while he was sitting out behind the school house with that Ramey girl he used to court around. I wonder what ever became of him.

Floy: The last time I heard of him, he and Amos Davisson were in the automobile business—real successful, I understand. Ran a taxi line between Parr and Rensselaer as sort of a sideline. Their wives drove the taxis and Bill and Amos stayed in the office—especially during winter.

Melissy: You remember Frank Heckinger and Delos Bengston, too, don't you? There was always such a difference between those two.

Floy: Yes, you wouldn't think that Swede—that's what they called him—would be a principal in a high school, and Frank a superintendent. Can't you imagine him making announcements before an assembly?

Melissy: He married Verneise Harris, didn't he? Think of that! And can you imagine Verneise attending P. T. A. and voicing opinions!

Floy: There were two other boys from the country in our graduating class—Gerald Hitchings and Louis Fiala. Gerald turned out to be the most successful farmer in Hanging Grove Township. He was real smart. I don't remember what happened to Louis.

Melissy: Why, he was heavy-weight champion. Last I heard he tipped the scales at two hundred and seventy-five pounds. He was always the cutest little fellow, wasn't he? If I remember right, about the smartest boys in that class were from the country.

Floy: Yes, there was Jennings Ramey. I always knew he was headed for Congress. He and Mary Reed used to argue so in civics class, and they're at it in Congress. I guess Mary will stand up for what she thinks, all right.

Melissy: And Don Smith—he was from the country, too—and "Skinny" Randle. There was certainly a contrast between those two. "Smitty" was a preacher and "Skinny" a convict, arrested for stealing a blind pig.

Floy: You know I never did know much about Howard Reed, but last time I heard of him, Harriet McKay—she ran a boarding house for bachelors—was suing him for a bad set of false teeth he had made for her.

Melissy: Say, I was just thinkin'. Who was that that was studying with Don in the seminary when he was preparing for the ministry? Oh, yes, Bill Ward. He went to Africa as a missionary. His strong constitution should serve him well in that climate. I guess he converted hundreds.

Floy: Yes, as well as interesting Adra Lee and Lois Morrow in the Salvation Army.

Melissy: That is right. And they're doing a wonderful work. They certainly are devoted to it. Educating a child, too, I believe—some poor little waif they picked up on the street.

Floy: Another one of our good athletes aspired high, too. Everyone in the old crowd knew that "Allie" Collins was headed for the White House. Well, I guess he deserved it, all right. My, don't you remember what a big campaign he put on?

Melissy: I guess that is just about all the boys out of our class except Deloss Rowen and Clarke Jones. Cy always was kind o' windy. It tickled



me when he got that job blowing holes through macaroni. My land, he worked himself up to superintendent of the factory, too. Clarke was the same way, started as Cy's assistant, and now he is his head salesman.

Floy: That's right. Those two always did work well together. I can't think of a better combination.

Melissy: Bernice Burgin, that girl with the long curls, was always sweet on Clarke. Now she is perfectly satisfied as his private secretary. I understand she is real good, too. Whatever became of Della Bates? She used to run around with Bernice.

Floy: Well, I guess she didn't miss her calling. She was always a genius at managing people, boys especially. Can you think of anyone who could handle boys in an orphan asylum better than Della does?

Melissy: No, I can't,—and since we've been talking about Della and Bernice, somehow I can see another girl that used to be in that good old gym class—Irene Yeoman. I recall I used to tease her about being a dancing teacher, and land, if she didn't turn out to be the instructor in "Ziegfeld's Follies."

Floy: Land, land! Seems like that graduating class of ours had more variety than anything else. Bless me, that little Lucile Herath, I don't see how we could ever forget her. Remember what a quiet and sweet little thing she was? I never could understand how she turned out the way she did. Kind of a "man-hunter," wasn't she?

Melissy: Well I should say. You would think she would be getting old enough now to settle down, but she's on her way to Paris to get her sixth divorce. My, I think we have clippings from the papers yet about all her husbands and her love affairs. It certainly was a shame.

Floy (smiling): Yes, I reckon it was. But there was that Martha Grant that didn't turn out much better! I guess she was a Heller after all her mother's tender care. That was the name of the man she married. You know she had such black hair and eyes. They say she's gone in for politics—and leaves her poor husband to fend for himself! She expected "Allie" to hand her some nice political plum. I wonder if he did?

Melissy: Yes, Floy, I remember her, and it all brings back old times, it seems. I don't know when I've had a chat that did me so much good. My goodness! (Glancing toward clock.) Just look at that clock. Half-past eleven! Why, we never will get up in the morning. Gladys won't say anything, but Francie will jump all over us. But I suppose when you have to work for a living as we do—well, beggars can't be choosers.

Floy: Melissy, hold your peace—you always did fret so over any little thing. Why, young as I feel I could stay up 'til two o'clock. (Melissy leaves the room.) Yes, I could.

Melissy (from stairs): Better turn out the light and come to bed; it's pretty cold now.

Floy: Yes, I reckon I must, but (reminiscently) I can see them all so plainly, every dear old face. What a pity we can be in high school but once in our lives.

Curtain.

DOLLY BEAVER.
MARGARETTA TILTON.



THE VOYAGE

Just now the sea is calm
 Beneath the tranquil sky,
And soothes with magic balm
 Each one that passes by.

Our ships are anchored fast,
 About to sail away ;
We let the past be past
 So happy seems the day.

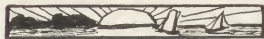
We bid farewell to friends
 And other things so dear,
The silver dales and glens
 That gave us so much cheer.

A storm now churns the deep
 As we the haven leave ;
So, slowly out we creep,
 For to the shore we'd cleave.

We choose our course quite well,
 But Life is hard to guide
When waves begin to swell
 Through breakers we must glide

At last the goal is won,
 The harbor reached ; at last
We rest. The journey's done ;
 The anchor has been cast.

RUTH PARKINSON, '27.









JUNIOR CLASS



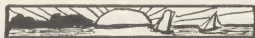
Top Row: Ernest Graham, Andrew Shindler, Lawrence Arnott, Harold Heuson, George Robinson, Robert Jordan, Ward Sands, Louis Hayes.
 Second Row: Paul Goldsberry, Edward Williams, Thomas Cox, Clark Reed, Keith Putt, Thomas Inkley, Francis Karry, Maurice Harris.
 Third Row: Lucille Hemphill, Charlotte Chamberlin, Margaret Cook, Marie Johnson, Lela Belle Maines, Gertrude Kanne, Irene Borntrager, Mary Alice Warren, Margaret Wild.
 Fourth Row: Millie Selby, Mildred Kerlin, Esther Arnott, Betty Miller, Sarah Hunt, Leona Shafer, May Marion, Elizabeth Hartman, Lois Ramey.
 Fifth Row: Avanelle Warren, Henrietta Eaton, Leavenna Seible, Valeria Telfer, Mildred Wasson, Ona Hooker, Mary Wortley, Helen Bruce, Jewel Wiseman.

From heights by two years' toil attained
 Complacently we gaze
 On underclassmen foreordained
 To struggle without praise.

Upon ourselves our glance next turns
 With feelings of just pride;
 We contemplate our conquered tests,
 Though still not satisfied.

Now eagerly we cast our glance
 At Seniors, grave, serene.
 Ah! Seniors we'll soon be—perchance,
 Of condescending mien.

ERNEST GRAHAM, '28.



CHAOS



Girls



More Boys



Boys



Society



Officers



Boys



Tragedy



Friendship



Comedy



Dark Cook

Discipline



Editorial



Variety



Love



No Dumb
bells!



Fivesome

Wall
Flowers





JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

OFFICERS

President	Raleigh Phegley
Vice-President	Betty Miller
Secretary	Charlotte Chamberlin
Treasurer	Andrew Shindler
Class Sponsors	Miss Clarke, Mr. Covert

Class Colors—Green and White

Class Flower—Carnation

Motto—Toil Conquers All

On September 1, 1924, we, the class of 1928, entered Rensselaer High School to start upon our road to learning. Eighty-four girls and boys were enrolled in our class. At our first class meeting we elected Robert May president, Margaret Wild vice-president, and Charlotte Chamberlin secretary-treasurer. For our class colors we selected green and white. Two members of our class, Robert May and John Wood, received major R's in football this year. The R. M. D. reading contest was won by Lois Northrop. Betty Miller and Ernest Graham took part in the county Latin contest.

In 1925 we again gathered in R. H. S. to start on our Sophomore year. Several members of our class had dropped out. For our 1925-26 class officers we elected Raleigh Phegley president, Malcolm Roth vice-president, and Margaret Wild secretary-treasurer. To start the new year right, we had a wiener roast at the tourist camp, which proved to be a great success. In football Lawrence Arnott, Ellis Hayes, Thomas Wilcox, Raleigh Phegley, and John Wood received major R's, and in basketball Raleigh, Lawrence, and Thomas again received major R's. In track Clark Reed and Harold Henson won major R's. The Sophomore girls won the 1925-26 end-ball tournament. Many Sophomores took part in the operetta, two having sub-leading parts, and several Sophomores were appointed to the Dramatic Club. Charlotte Chamberlin and Raleigh Phegley both won second place in the Good-Fellowship contest.

In 1926 we again came to R. H. S. to start our Junior year together. In football Thomas Wilcox, Raleigh Phegley, and Lawrence Arnott won major R's, and in basketball Raleigh Phegley, Lawrence Arnott, Thomas Wilcox, and Robert Jordan won major R's. Many Juniors took part in the operetta, and six members of the Junior class were in the Dramatic Club plays. Betty Miller won second place in the county Latin contest. Margaret Wild and Thomas Wilcox won first place and Betty Miller second place in the Good-Fellowship contest. This year it is our privilege to give the "Prom," and, under the leadership of our class sponsors, we know it will be a success.

SARAH HUNT, '28.



TEN LITTLE JUNIORS

- 10 little Juniors crowding in line—
Huber glared at Mary and that left 9.
- 9 little Juniors came in late—
Karry was sent home and that left 8.
- 8 little Juniors, fairest under heaven—
Butter played basketball and that left 7.
- 7 little Juniors tried playing tricks—
Petic caught Shorty and that left 6.
- 6 little Juniors on their lessons strive—
Martindale flunked Ernie and that left 5.
- 5 little Juniors wishing for more—
Sarah got an idea and that left 4.
- 4 little Juniors tried Chemistry—
Ward ate T. N. T. and that left 3.
- 3 little Juniors honest and true—
Andy took Cicero and that left 2.
- 2 little Juniors, all undone—
Betty flunked everything and that left 1.
- 1 little Junior, left all alone—
Mid became a Senior and that left none.

MARY ALICE WARREN, '28.

JUNIORS

We, as a class, both strong and true,
Have brought much honor to our school;
We're each loyal and have a good trait,
Has this class of '28.

We have violinists, orators and athletes,
Have won many contests and met some defeats,
But think we are going at a pretty good gait,
Does this class of '28.

MILDRED WASSON, '28.



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SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

President	Lloyd Sigo
Vice-President ..	Mildred Ramey
Secretary	Ruth Overton
Treasurer	George Maines

Class Colors—Red and White

Class Flower—Red Rose

Class Motto—L'arbre se connaît au fruit

(A tree is known by its fruit)

The Class of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-nine entered Rensselaer High School as Freshmen with ninety-six members. We faithfully endured the taunts and jeers of the upper-classmen for a year. Despite the fact we were Freshmen, we distinguished ourselves in many ways. Three members were in the Music Memory Contest at Indianapolis; one member won first place in the Good-fellowship contest; a number of boys were "R" men in the three major sports; and one member won the County Latin contest. We finally struggled through the Freshman year successfully and completed the first rung of the ladder of our high school career.

On September 6, 1926, sixty-six students entered as Sophomores. We felt highly honored to be seated all together in the large assembly with the upper-classmen, and to be noticed as "somebody." We now look upon the Freshmen with haughtiness and laugh at their greenness. Sophomores are referred to as "Wise Fools," which certainly applies to us, and our class is called the giggling class of R. H. S.

We have accomplished much this year, having one of our members as the main character in the operetta and others in minor roles, several boys on the varsity teams, a member on the Music Memory contest team which competed at the state, and another member who won the County Latin contest.

What would R. H. S. do without us? Just look at all the things our class has done in bringing honor to our high school. Perhaps we have much more talent which will be displayed in the years to come, for, with the completion of this year, we have finished only two rungs of the ladder and are just half way through our high school career.

MARGENE ROTH, '29.



THE ADVENTURE OF A SOPHOMORE

The Sophomore left his home to encounter the Things of Life, including Knowledge, Disappointment, and Happiness, and to come home with a Fortune.

One day in September he started out. The woods were quite beautiful. The leaves were brilliantly colored, and the warm breezes scattered them about him. The day was balmy and pleasant, and the sky was blue. At first, walking along the Road, he had a glorious feeling, but after he had tramped for many miles he became tired and discouraged. He had walked about Niner-Ten weeks when he met an old Man on a lonely Road, and he asked him to direct him to the Sherwood Forest, where he could rest. The old Man raised his Hand and indicated the Direction and told him to follow this Road until he came to a Bent Post in the middle of the Road and then turn to the left. He asked the Sophomore if he was hungry, and the Sophomore answered in the affirmative, so he gave him a CRDean. The Sophomore accepted it with Grace and departed.

Finally, after much difficulty, he reached the Sherwood Forest. Soon he was in the midst of the Forest picking Marguerites and sweet Williams, and watching the maneuvers of the Martin birds in the Dale. He came upon a Brier Patch, which he crossed with much Difficulty. That night he spent in a Covert, with safety. His sleep was disturbed often by the falling of a spider Webb in his face.

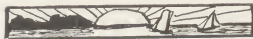
He awoke with the first Ray of Dawn, and as he neared a Pond of Clearwaters, a Bee stung him. With a desire to leave the Forest now and forever, he made an effort to find his way out. He encountered a Forester named Huber and asked to be taken home. The Man said that he did not Ona car, but he would find one.

The next day they went to a Stahl where cars were kept. While on their way home, the Norris Special which they had rented Meyered down in the Mud. After finding an old Emory stone by the Roadside they placed it under the Wheel; then, with all three Cylinders working, they managed to get out. Tired, but with a feeling of satisfaction, for he had acquired some Knowledge, much Happiness, and he had encountered very few Difficulties and very few Disappointments, he finally arrived home in the Month of Mae.

SOPHOMORES

Wise fools,
Objects of ridicule and disdain,
But in love with the reign
Of Mirth. Sophomores.

EMALEE COLTON.





FRESHMAN CLASS



Top Row: Wayne Blankenbaker, Verne Tanner, Charles Hooker, William Halstead, William Hopkins, John Newcome, Theodore Brown, Keith Padgett, Woodrow Harris, Wayne Prouty, Kenneth Potts, Fred Overton.

Second Row: Carol Arnett, Ione Sigo, Madalaine Sprague, Pauline Leopold, Dorothy Lynam, Emma Eaton, Esther Price, Janna Selby, Mary Kathryn Fosdick, Virginia Walker, Anna Garland, Lavanna Selby.

Third Row: Mildred Kennedy, Iris Berry, Evelyn Smith, Juanita Hopkins, Fern Simonin, Thelma Spall, Dena Smith, Edna Spencer, Pauline Torbet, Esther Spain, Evelyn Hiff, Elsie Hayes, Esther Overton.

Fourth Row: Charles Cain, Emmet Eger, Dorothy Heinz, Ruth Thompson, Arno Prouty, Helen Axen, Geraldine Amsler, Lois Russel, Barbara Yeoman, Eileen Yeoman, Ruth Edge, William Moore, Wilmer Hershberger.

Fifth Row: Tarance Henry, Joe Borntrager, Charles Wilson, Charles Blood, Lloyd Parks, Glenn Robinson, Delos Fidler, Andrew Swartzell, Carl Anderson, Russel Grant, Dale Yeoman, Charles Ramp, Dudley Sands, Everett Warren.

Sixth Row: Ellis Hopkins, Carlton Henley, Gerald Simonin, Delos Putt, Allen Kanne, Thomas Ferguson, Budd Donnelly.

OUR FRESHMAN CLASS

We are glad that we are Freshmen,
And our members are not few:
Just come and look us over,
And you'll find we are true blue.

We are active in supporting
Anything that comes our way:
We always are successful
For we're working every day.

Take into consideration
Everything that we can do,
And you'll find the class of '30
To old R. H. S. is true.

M. H.

CHAOS

THE CHAOS DILEMMA



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Our Officers



Mice and Evelyn



Father



Ditto



Our Ho/ Leader



Twins



Gold Dust Twins



Betty Gie



Mutt + Jeff



Fireman + Twins



Whats Th Weht?



Joined



Our Pri-ners



Big



Class



Berry + Helene



Our Farmers



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FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

President	Ellis Hopkins
Vice-President	Chester Fleming
Secretary-Treasurer	Arno Prouty
Sponsors	Miss Huber, Mr. Bundy

Class Colors—Blue and Gold

Class Motto—To the stars through difficulty

On September 6, 1926, about seventy-two green freshmen entered the Halls of Learning of Rensselaer High School. However, we were not the only green objects seen at the high school. The Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, all having once been Freshmen, still retained tinges of the vivid green which had been theirs when they were Freshmen.

Oh! the task of getting properly signed up for our classes! We did not know the teachers, what subjects they taught, how to arrange our schedules, nor how to solve the many problems which confront the Freshman.

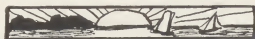
After the first few tedious days were over, and we no longer forgot to go to our respective classes, a class meeting was held, at which the following officers were elected to guide us through the devious ways of our first year at R. H. S.: President, Ellis Hopkins; vice-president, Chester Fleming; secretary-treasurer, Arno Prouty, and Rensselaerien reporter, Dorothy Heinz.

Our first flash into the social life of the school was made at the Athletic Association party in November, where our stunt was met with much applause from the audience.

Many of our number have taken up the vocational courses, the girls taking home economics and the boys agronomy.

Though we now occupy the lowest rung on the ladder, we hope some day to reach the top and graduate as one of the best classes R. H. S. has ever known.

IONE SIGO, '30.





THE BOOK MEETING

A meeting of all the books of Rensselaer High School was held one evening in the assembly room, after basketball practice.

The president, an old English book belonging to Charles Wilson, tum- bled out of a desk and called out in a rusty old voice, "Let us have order! The first speaker of the evening will be Henry Algebra."

An old battered algebra squeaked, "My friends, I think there is no one here who has suffered more than I. I first came to this high school—I don't know when it was, because I lost count of the years long ago—a beautiful blue book with white pages. Would you believe it? Behold me, a picture of misery. My back has been missing for years, and my bones ache from carrying so many papers around. After working all day, Dud crams me in his desk in a most uncomfortable position. I feel that my days here are numbered, and I will be glad to rest.

The next speaker of the evening was Mary Latin.

"Ladies and gentlemen," she began, "I suppose our troubles are somewhat alike. Why, I have so many pictures drawn in me you would think me a photograph album instead of a sedate Latin book. The other day Dale even had the nerve to sit and make faces at me all one period. If he decides he doesn't want to study his lesson, he just tears the page out and tells Miss Norris it isn't in his book. My friends, something must be done."

Next Bobby Botany was introduced. "My mistress, Sadie Leopold, at times studies very hard," he said, "but when Mr. Covert assigns a difficult picture to be drawn, she gets discouraged, and with a bang! I land in the corner. At times I am even used for the purpose of concealing notes which she passes to Madaline in the assembly room.

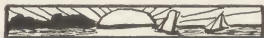
Johnny Agriculture stepped upon the stage next.

"My owner, Gerald Simonin, seems to be quite different from most others. He studies me thoroughly, and, when he has his lesson, I am carefully put in his desk."

"The president arose and said, "I am very glad that Johnny has been treated better than the rest of us. We will now hear from Dicky French."

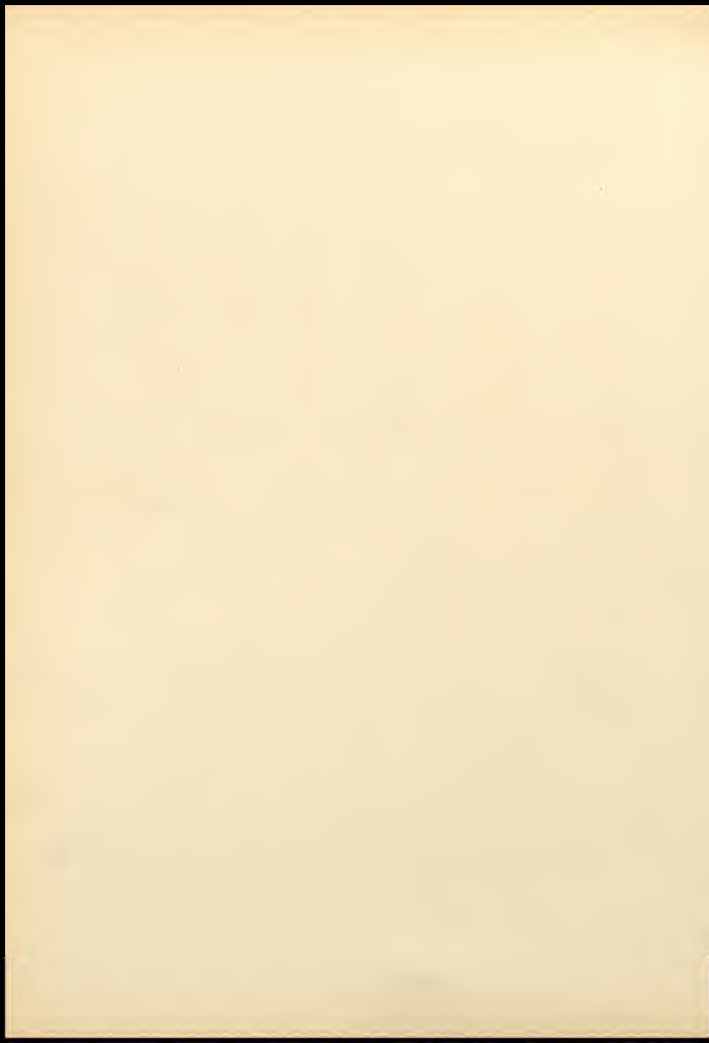
"Dorothy Heinz keeps all her notes from Frank in me, and I feel that the students place too many responsibilities on us besides those we are supposed to have. We will be worn out before our time, unless they assume more of these responsibilities and treat us with more respect. Mr. President, I move that, unless the students of Rensselaer High School change their attitude toward us, we go on a strike."

The vote in favor of this was unanimous, and with that the meeting was adjourned. With renewed hopes for fewer responsibilities, the books went to their respective homes.





ATHLETICS





CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS

WILLIAM WARD

Football Captain, 1926 (Center)

Won letter 1-2-3-4; all state selection for center 1926. Bill was a good captain and had the confidence of his men. He proved to be a good leader.

ALFRED COLLINS

Captain Basketball Team 1926-27 (Floor Guard)

Floor guard; all-county floor guard, first team, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27; all sectional floor guard 1925-26, 1926-27. A very good defensive guard, fast, good dribbler, and a main cog in the machine. "Allie" was a good leader and a good captain.

CLARK JONES

Captain Track Team 1926

Half-miler; won many points for R. H. S. Jones is a hard worker and very ambitious.

THOMAS WILCOX

Captain-elect Football Team 1927 (End and Center)

Hard player and a good leader, with plenty of fight.

LAWRENCE ARNOTT

Captain-elect Basketball 1927-28 (Center)

All-county center first team 1927. Good center, good floor worker; will have a good influence on team.

HOWARD REED

Captain-elect Track Team 1927

Good point winner and a good, earnest worker; member half-mile relay team; state meet 1926.



FOOTBALL TEAM



Top Row: Charles Wilson, Manager; William Ward, Captain; Lawrence Arnott, Thomas Wilcox, Louis Hayes, E. Harrison, Coach.

Second Row: Woodrow Harris, George Maines, Clarke Jones, Raleigh Phegley, Ernest Tripp, Denver Tudor.

Third Row: Alfred Collins, Walter McColly, Don Smith, Howard Reed, Maurice Harris, Albert Simons.

Fourth Row: John Newcome, Robert Wright, Carl Shafer, Dudley Sands, Dale Yeoman.

Resume

Total points, R. H. S., 86; opponents, 9. Games won, 5; games lost, 2.

Major Letter Winners

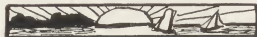
Captain Wm. Ward, A. Collins, T. Wilcox, A. Simons, W. McColly, Raleigh Phegley, L. Arnott, H. Reed, Ernest Tripp, D. Tudor, D. Smith, C. Jones, L. Hayes, G. Maines.

Minor Letter Awards

W. Harris, M. Harris, D. Sands, D. Yeoman, J. Newcome, C. Shafer, R. Wright.

Varsity

Hayes	Smith	Tudor	Ward	Tripp	Jones	Wilcox
			McColly			
	H. Reed		Collins		R. Phegley	





FOOTBALL 1926

After finishing the opening weeks of hard practice, R. H. S. met and defeated Attica High School in our season's first game. Our men seemed to be in fine condition and worked together very well for the first game. They completely outclassed their inexperienced opponents, 32-0.

On the next week end, October 9, the Red and Black warriors went to Crown Point to engage in one of the hardest encounters of the season. The great size of their players, combined with bad breaks, caused us to return home with a 7-7 verdict. This later was changed to a 2-0 victory for R. H. S. when it was discovered that Crown Point had played ineligible men in the game. During the game R. H. S. was penalized almost 300 yards (estimated by an unbiased spectator). This fact tended to make the game very uninteresting. Another thing that hurt the feelings of our team was the referee's decision in regard to the C. P. kick after touchdown. The kick was missed, but one of our men was declared offside, so the extra point was allowed, giving a tie score.

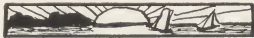
The next week, October 16, Monticello came to Rensselaer to vie with our gridders. They were turned back with a 16-0 defeat. The teams were about equal in size, but otherwise were no match. A muddy field slowed the game considerably.

Hammond Tech was our next victim. They were defeated 12-0. This game was like its predecessors in that we were greatly out-weighted, but we were much more spirited. The Hammond eleven was fresh from a victory over Crown Point and had high hopes of a victory over us. We had to defeat them, however, to keep our record clean.

October 29 we met the strong West Side High School of Lafayette in our annual Home-Coming game. Practically the whole city of Rensselaer was present for this football epic. The game was fast and hard-fought all the way, with the speed of the Red and Black offsetting the great size of their opponents. Numerous passes, mingled with every assortment of football plays, furnished a worth-while spectacle for the spectators. Rensselaer's only score came shortly after the opening of the game, when a field goal was successfully executed. Shortly before the half ended, West Side scored a touchdown by means of a successful forward pass. That ended the scoring. Thereafter the game was an even battle, neither team being able to score. The score is evidence of the battle—6 to 3.

On November 6, R. H. S. journeyed to Lafayette and were defeated in another close game by the strong Jefferson eleven. The final score was 1 to 0, and it tells the story. We had two excellent chances for touchdown: and tried for a field goal four times, but each effort to score was a failure.

To close a very successful season the Red and Black defeated Kentland, 21 to 0, on their own gridiron. The boys played a nice game in spite of the absence of several regulars, who were on the injured list.



CHAOS



Top Row: Alfred Collins, Captain; Thomas Wilcox, Morgan Sterrett, Delos Bengston, Manager.
 Second Row: Mr. Harrison, Coach; Lawrence Arnott, William Ward, Albert Simons, Mr. Clearwaters, Business Manager.
 Third Row: Robert Jordan, Frank Kresler, Walter McColly, Raleigh Phegley.
 Fourth Row: Robert Wright, Lloyd Sligo, Woodrow Harris, Gerald Hitchings.

Schedule—	R.H. S. Opponents.		Referee.
Nov. 30—Fair Oaks	here	14 18	
Dec. 3—Monticello	there	15 34	Campbell
Dec. 10—Kentland	here	19 14	Dyer
Dec. 18—Morocco	there	31 16	R. Lyons
Dec. 23—Monon	here	28 32	Draper
Dec. 30—Brook	there	19 24	Gordon
Jan. 7—Goodland	there	28 15	
Jan. 8—Monticello	here	43 30	
Jan. 14—Goodland	here	27 29	
Jan. 15—Remington	there	37 27	Hurley
Jan. 21—Brook	here	38 34	Porter
Jan. 28-29—County Tourney	here	Championship	
Feb. 4—Lowell	there	39 35	Olson
Feb. 5—Oxford	there	39 28	Porter
Feb. 11—Remington	here	42 29	Vaulk
Feb. 12—Oxford	here	29 27	Dyer
Feb. 18—Battle Ground	there	22 49	
Feb. 19—Medaryville	here	34 29	Hurley
Feb. 25—Kentland	there	31 30	
Feb. 26—Wheatfield	here	30 19	



County Tournament

Rensselaer won the County Championship by defeating Tefft, Wheatfield, and Remington in the order named. The scores were: R. H. S. 25, Tefft 12; R. H. S. 30, Wheatfield 13; R. H. S. 37, Remington 22. This was Rensselaer's first county championship. The Remington girls won the girls' tournament for the third straight year. Wheatfield defeated Tefft to again secure the consolation banner.

Sectional Tournament

Rensselaer met and defeated Tefft by a 32-7 count in the opening game of the tournament. The result, however, in the next game was just the opposite, and we were eliminated from the tournament. Being sadly off form, we were easy victims for the rangy Goodland finalists, who later in the same day conquered Brook. Kentland, with an easy draw, went to the finals and conquered the tired Goodland team for the honors of the tourney.

Class Tournament

The class of '27 established a record in class tournament play by winning for the second successive year. They defeated the Freshman and Sophomore teams in the final round of play to gain the championship. The games were closely contested throughout the tourney, because of the evenly matched teams. The Juniors gave the poorest account of themselves, winning only one game. The Faculty team withdrew from the final round, in order to make it strictly an inter-class affair. Some of the varsity men fulfilled the positions of officials.

Athletic Banquet

The football and basketball banquets were given as one this year and were served by the Junior and Senior classes. The members of last year's track team were guests, together with several business men and fathers. The meal was a delightful array of delicious foods, served in several courses. Between courses speakers were heard from and elections were held. Rev. Young, of the Methodist church, was the principal speaker of the evening, and his talk was well given and equally well received. Mr. Harrison acted as toastmaster. Captains-elect were Thomas Wilcox, football, Lawrence Arnott, basketball, and Howard Reed, track.

Major Letter Men

A. Collins, L. Arnott, R. Phegley, W. McColly, Wm. Ward, A. Simons, T. Wilcox, R. Wright, R. Jordan, F. Kresler, G. Hitchings.

Minor Letter Awards

Woodrow Harris, Morgan Sterrett, Lloyd Sigo.



CHAOS

TRACK
1926



Malone Wipping 1/4 Mile
At Keplard Section



Rowen Wipping 220 Yards
At Keplard Section



Ward Hanson Berenson McElly Malone Jones W.
H. Reed Hoxton C. Reed Fowler B. Phelan



Carlisle Jones



Track R. I. S. trophies



Mike Ford



Half-Mile Relay Team

(35)

McElly B. Phelan D. Wren Malone Reed Berenson Jones (35)



Mile Relay Team



TRACK 1926

Captain Jones and his ten teammates, W. Malone, McColly, Rowen, Phegley, H. Reed, C. Reed, Wild, Bengston, Ward, and Heuson carried the Red and Black through one more successful season on the track and field. These representatives of R. H. S. gave us points in every meet in which we participated, and victories in all but the Kentland invitational and the State meets. To finish the season Wm. Malone, our high point man all year, won a place in the National meet at Chicago.

Season Schedule and Record, 1926

April 16—Oxford, there: R. H. S., 68½; Oxford, 52½.
April 24—County Meet, here: R. H. S., 68; Remington, 28½.
May 1—Invitational, Kentland: Froebel, 40½; R. H. S., 14.
May 5—R. M. D., Monticello: R. H. S., 53; M., 27; D., 19.
May 15—Sectional, Kentland: R. H. S., 27 4-5; Brook, 23 4-5.
May 22—State, Indianapolis: R. H. S. made 5 points.
May 29—National, Chicago: R. H. S. made 4 points.

County Meet

R. H. S. easily won the annual county track and field meet, with seven first places out of ten possible ones, together with numerous second and third place finishes. R. H. S., 68; Remington, 28 1-3.

Summary:

100-yard Dash—(1) Stokes, Rem.; (2) H. Reed, R.; (3) McColly, R.—:11-1.
120 yard Hurdles—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Phegley, R.; (3) Evans, Rem.—:19-2.
Mile—(1) C. Reed, R.; (2) Stanton, Rem.; (3) Hayes, R.—5:40.
440 yard Dash—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Lucas, Rem.; (3) Nier, Tefft—:56-1.
High Jump—(1) Evans and Stokes, Rem.; (3) Wild, R.—5 ft. 5 in.
880-yard Dash—(1) Jones, R.; (2) Heusen, R.; (3) Miller, H. G.—2:42.
Shot-put—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Ward, R.; (3) Evans, Rem.—37 ft. 10¼ in.
220 yard Hurdles—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Phegley, R.; (3) Evans, Rem.—:29-1.
Pole Vault—(1) H. Reed and B. Phegley, R.; (3) Williams and George, F. O. Cummins, Rem—9 ft.
220-yard Dash—(1) Rowen, R.; (2) H. Reed, R., Lucas, Rem.—:27.
Broad Jump—(1) Stokes, Rem.; (2) Malone, R.; (3) Phegley, R.—19 ft. 7½ in.
Half-mile Relay—R., Malone, H. Reed, McColly, Rowen—1:52.
Mile Relay—R. Phegley, Wood, Jones, Heuson—4:02.

For the fifth successive year R. H. S. emerged the victor from the annual R. M. D. track and field meet. The final scores were: R, 53; M., 27, and D., 19. Wm. Malone scored five firsts and one third place finish. Rensselaer also won the mile and half-mile relays.

Summary of events:

100 yard Dash—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Smock, D.; (3) Reed, R.—:10 4-5.
120-yard Hurdles—(1) Malone, R.; (2) B. Phegley, R.; (3) Blickenstaff, D.—:17 4-5.
Mile Run—(1) C. Reed, R.; (2) Sheets, M.; (3) Cottrell, M.—5:20.
440-yard Dash—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Smock, D.; (3) Baker, M.—53:2.
High Jump—(1) Wild, R.; (2) Blickenstaff, D.; (3) Kraay, M.—5 ft. 5 in.
880 yard Dash—(1) Kraay, M.; (2) Jones, R.; (3) Cottrell, M.—2:30.
Shot-put—(1) Booker, M.; (2) Ward, R.; (3) Malone, R.—39 ft. 9½ in.



220-yard Hurdles—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Phegley, R.; (3) Blickenstaff, D.—26:4.

Pole Vault—(1) H. Reed, R., and Nichols, M.; (3) Ayres, D.—9 ft. 8 in.

220 yard Dash—(1) Smock, D.; (2) Cottrell, M.; (3) Isaacs, D.—24:1.

Half-mile Relay Team—McColly, B. Phegley, Rowen, Malone.

Mile Relay Team—Wild, Bengston, Jones, H. Reed.

Reading Contest—Gladys Gallagher, R., first; M., second.

Oratorical—Monticello, first; Delphi, second.

Sectional Meet

Rensselaer also won the sectional meet at Kentland with a score of 27 4-5 to Brook's (our nearest rival) 23 4-5. Three firsts and a second for Malone made him high point man.

Summary of Events:

100 yard Dash—(1) Lowe, Ambia; (2) Krull, Kentland; (3) Sorrells, Kentland—:10 3-5.

Mile Run—(1) Ekstrom, Brook; (2) Dimmick, Boswell; (3) Biddle, Brook—4:54 4-5.

440-yard Dash—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Taylor, Brook; (3) Cunningham, Kentland—:54 4-5.

120-yard Hurdles—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Collen, Kentland; (3) Vanderipe, Fowler—:17 3-5.

880-yard Dash—(1) Lowe, Ambia; (2) Biddle, Brook; (3) Ekstrom, Brook—2:04.

220-yard Dash—(1) Rowen, R.; (2) Krull, Kentland; (3) Sorrells, Kentland—:24 4-5.

220-yard Hurdles—(1) Malone, R.; (2) Phegley, R.; (3) Collen, Kentland—:27 2-5.

High Jump—(1) Meredith, Brook; (2) R., Brook, Ambia, Kentland, Winamac.

Shot-put—(1) Krull, Kentland; (2) Morris, Oxford; (3) Perkins, Raub—40 ft. 3 in.

Pole Vault—(1) Harkrider, Brook (2) Vanderipe, Fowler; (3) Phegley, R.—10 ft. 8 in.

Broad Jump—(1) Stokes, Remington; (2) Malone, R.; (3) Michelson—20 ft. 6 5/8 in.

Mile Relay—(1) Brook; (2) Kentland; (3) Rensselaer.

Half-mile Relay—(1) Rensselaer; (2) Kentland.

Individual Records

	1sts.	2nds.	3rds.	Total Points
Malone	16	3	1	90
Ward		3	..	9
McColly	1	1	2	10
B. Phegley	1	7	3	29
Rowen	3	..	..	15
Jones	1	2	1	12
H. Reed	2	5	1	26
C. Reed	2	1	..	13
Wild	2	1	1	14
Bengston .....	..	..	1	1
Heuson .....	..	1	..	3
Half Mile Relay Team won 5 out of 5 starts.				
Mile Relay Team won 3 out of 5 starts.				

CHAOS



Principals



Seniors.



Wilton
Basketball
Chairman.



Some of
us.



Sherwood
Out
Dance.



Some.



Wright
Skiing
Chairman.



Scott-Pres. Rules-Scot.
Bever-Pres. Road-Deas.



West
Hiking
Chairman.



4th. Hour.



5th. Hour.



GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Girls' Athletic Association of Rensselaer high school was organized in 1923, and has, since that date, been an active organization.

This is an association for high school girls interested in athletics. The officers consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and managers of the different sports. These officers, together with the physical training instructor, constitute the executive committee, whose duty it is to discuss the business brought up at the regular meetings of the association.

The purpose of this organization is to promote the health education of the girls in high school by means of:

(1) Encouragement in formation of health habits.

(2) Promotion of interest and participation in games and athletics and all forms of physical activity which make for health and efficiency.

(3) Encouragement of good sportsmanship.

Points for the association may be gained by membership on the class basketball, baseball, or soccer teams. Track also is included, and hiking and skating.

Following are the names of the present officers:

President	Genene Scott
Vice-President	Dolly Beaver
Secretary	Della Bates
Treasurer	Mary Reed
Basketball Manager	Margaretta Tilton
Skating Manager	Florence Wright
Hiking Manager	Helen West
Volley Ball Manager	Sarah Hunt

The physical education department observes May Day annually. It is a precedent of the school to elect a May Queen from the senior class, to preside at this festival. Last year Lavenna Malone was selected by popular vote, and she charmingly graced the occasion. The May Queen this year was not elected at the time this book was published.

The May Day program consists of the processional, drills, and dances. In the evening a musical program is furnished by the two bands, the high school orchestra, and the choruses, and a cantata is given by the Girls' Glee Club.

An exhibition by Miss Sherwood's entire classes was given in March. The program included a demonstration of drills, games, and dances by the primary and grammar folks, and regular high school gym classes. The freshman girls played a game of volley ball. The girls of the second hour class were farmerettes. They gave a clog dance, each representing an old man. The fourth hour class presented a gymnastic lesson; the fifth hour group specialized in marching; and the advanced first hour class demonstrated a reading, "Good Posture."

The activities of the department for the year included soccer, baseball, basketball, volley ball, and track. Baseball seemed to be the most popular.



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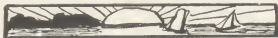
RENSSELAERIAN STAFF



Top Row: Faculty Sponsor, Mr. Covert; Associate Editor, Dolly Benver; Wm. Malone; Circulation Manager, Frederick Fendig; Junior Reporter, Sarah Hunt; Business Manager, Deloss Rowen.
Second Row: Sport Editor, Robert Wright; Typist, Margaret Wild; School Notes Editor, Margene Roth; Departmental Editor, Margaretta Tilton; Advertising Manager, George Maines.
Third Row: Assistant Joke Editor, Florence Wright; Joke Editor, Virginia Thompson; Editor-in-Chief, Ernest Graham; Senior Reporter, Frances Grant; Freshman Reporter, Dorothy Heinz.

Much credit is due the staff and Mr. Covert, the faculty sponsor, for the splendid work done on the school paper this year. There were ten issues during the year, one each month, and a special Christmas edition. The articles were furnished by the staff and by other contributors from the student body, and the material consisted of editorials, original stories, and write-ups concerning various activities of the school.

Each issue cost from twenty to thirty-two dollars, depending upon the number of pages. The expense of publication for the year amounted to about three hundred dollars. The expense was carried by the subscriptions and advertisements.





HI-Y CLUB



Top Row: Mr. Dean, Mr. Clearwaters, Sponsors.

Second Row: Jennings Ramey, Amos Davisson, Alfred Collins, President; Lawrence Arnott, Deloss Rowen.

Third Row: Maurice Harris, Gerald Hitchings, Robert Wright, Charles Wilson, Howard Reed.

For many years one department of the Y. M. C. A. has been devoted entirely to the development of boys' work. Recognizing the fact that the high school boy has his own peculiar problems, this organization has extended and expanded their work, and as a result an organization known as the Hi-Y is now found in most schools of the country.

All such clubs are governed by rules and regulations laid down by the Y. M. C. A. and embodied in a constitution and charter granted by each state department. The chief principles throughout are clean speech, clean scholarship, clean sportsmanship, and clean living. The purpose of the club is to "create, maintain, and extend, throughout the school and community, higher standards of Christian character."

The Hi-Y club of Rensselaer high school was organized Dec. 11, 1925, with fourteen charter members. Membership has increased and is now almost to the limitation number of twenty-five. The club has taken an active part in the activities of the school and has been an inspiration to many of the boys. They successfully carried on a Bible study class, which won the trophy in their division of the state contest.

Membership to the club is open to any boy in the three upper classes, providing he is willing to subscribe to and live up to the high purposes of the organization.

The following students of R. H. S. are new members: Thomas Inkley, Thomas Wilcox, Walter McColly, Raleigh Phegley, Ward Sands, Robert Turfler, George Robinson, Edward Williams, and Clarke Reed.



DRAMATIC CLUB



Top Row: Ernest Graham, Francis Karry, Raleigh Phegley, Walter Burrell, Deloss Rowen, Carl Shafer, Robert Turfler.

Second Row: Margaretta Tilton, Sarah Hunt, Genevieve Scott, Charlotte Chamberlain, Dorothy Thompson.

Third Row: Rosalind Kruzan, Betty Miller, Marie Johnson, Dolly Beaver, Frances Grant, Martha Grant.

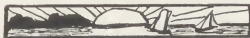
Fourth Row: Kathryn Smith, Emalee Colton, Florence Wright, Miss Norris, Virginia Thompson, Margaret Wild, Esther Arnott.

President	Virginia Thompson
Vice-President	Genevieve Scott
Secretary	Margaret Wild
Treasurer	Ernest Graham
Faculty Advisor	Miss Marguerite Norris

The Masque and Wig Dramatic Club was organized during the school year of 1925-26. It is the first organization of its kind in the high school. Students are chosen for membership by means of tryouts. In order to be eligible to try-outs they must have an average of C in English.

Last year the club presented the following plays: "Neighbors," and "Not Quite Such a Goose." This year's productions were "The Florist Shop" and "The Burglar."

The members are proud of their club and wish its success to be continued in future years.





BIBLE STUDY

All the boys and girls who wished to take up the Bible Study this year were called in the freshman assembly and enrolled in the class. There were one hundred and fifty-three members enrolled. The officers were elected as follows: President, Raleigh Phegley; vice-president, Howard Robinson; secretary-treasurer, Margaret Wild; and sergeant-at-arms, Russel Grant.

Because of the large number enrolled, it was decided to divide the class into six sections, three for the girls and three for the boys. The teachers were Misses Grace Norris, M. Huber, Marguerite Norris, and Messrs. Clearwaters, Meyers, and Dean.

Classes were held during the first period each Friday for twelve weeks. The object of these classes is to gain more knowledge of the Bible, but not to stress any one creed. The study this year covered the first part of the New Testament.

This course is a state wide study, under the direction of the State Y. M. C. A., and is conducted as a contest. The schools entering are placed in groups according to their enrollment, and the standing is determined by the per cent of attendance.

Our class is grouped in the second division, with such schools as Franklin, Valparaiso, and other large schools. On Friday, April 8, an examination was held for all members who wished to take it. A fee of thirty cents was charged to defray expenses of question sheets and mailing. All students who passed the examination were given half a credit, to be counted toward graduation.

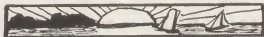
HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics club was organized early in the fall of 1926. At the first meeting of the year, which was held at Miss Clarke's home, the following people were elected as officers: Helen West, president; Martha Grant, vice-president; Madeline Campbell, secretary.

At this meeting it was decided that the club should meet every other Wednesday night, at seven o'clock, with the different members.

The object of this year's Home Economics club has been to accomplish work not only in sewing but things that the modern girl should know how to do and understand in order to fit her for life. More interest has been shown this year than ever before, and the meetings have been held more regularly.

Not only have the members accomplished much at the club meetings, but we have also had many good times, and the club certainly owes much to Miss Clarke for her willingness to help us and her cheerfulness and patience with us.





WINNERS IN GOOD FELLOWSHIP CONTEST



Margaret Wild

Margaret, better known as "Shorty," is certainly deserving of the honor given her by the students of R. H. S. when they elected her a "Good Fellow." Not only does she have the vitality of the modern age, which is, in slang, "pep," but she is willing and ready to assume responsibility whenever called upon. "Shorty" has a disposition which wins friends readily, and the personality that holds their friendship.

Thomas Wilcox

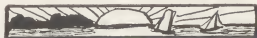
The Junior class has the honor of presenting "Red" Wilcox (so-called from his crowning glory) as the 1927 Good Fellow. A sterling athlete and scholar, he has gained high favor in the eyes and hearts of his teammates, and of his classmates. He has a cheerful disposition, always wears a smile, is full of vim, and, above all, is a true high school boy. The honor is his due and gives pleasure to all.

Betty Miller

Betty, another member of the noteworthy Junior class, won second place in the Good Fellowship contest. Betty certainly deserves the honor, for she typifies the spirit of R. H. S. She has a pleasing personality, she takes an active part in all the activities of the school, and, above all, she has won many scholastic honors.

Alfred Collins

Alfred, otherwise "Allie," is the only member of the Senior class who won a place in the Good Fellowship contest. During all his high school career, Allie has been active in all sports. He has been a true sportsman, an exponent of fair play; and not only has he been an athlete of whom we are all proud, but he is an excellent student and has won many scholastic honors.





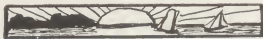
Back Row: (Left) Genene Scott, Ruth Thompson, Sarah Hunt, Morgan Sterrett. (Right) Elmer Ihne, Mildred Heuson, Eugene Conrad.
 Front Row: Avanelle Warren, Virginia Roth, Harold Heuson, Emmett Eger, Deloss Rowen, Robert Leffer, Russell Ihne, Elizabeth Lamson, Robert Turfler, Russell Grant.
 Standing: Miss Shindler, Director; Esther Arnott, Accompanist.

ORCHESTRA

The High School Orchestra meets every Monday night, under the direction of Miss Ona Shindler.

There are more violins in the string section than ever before. The Turkish March," from "Ruins of Athens," in three parts, unaccompanied, and "Rondino," by Kreisler, in four parts, with piano accompaniment, are two of the pieces they like best.

The following are the engagements for this year: Dramatic club plays, High School Musical, May Day, Class Night, and Commencement.





Back Row: Thomas Inkley, Elmer Ihne, Walter McColly, Harold Heuson, Eugene Conrad, Deloss Rowen, Max Humphreys, Robert Loy, Ralph Gilmore, Richard Agster, Duane Kime, Elwood Samuels, Darold Ford, Robert Mannan, Ronald Ward.

Second Row: Lloyd Sigo, Dudley Sands, James Chapman, Keith Padgett, Russell Grant, William Wikstrom, Russell Rowen, James Potts, Carl Shafer, John Moore, Joe Rowen, David Turfler, Edward Randle, Leslie Ross.

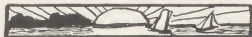
Third Row: Sylvester Amster, Billy Eger, John Mannan, Maurice Adair, Keith Robinson, Stanley Inkley, Sam Grant, Emmett Eger, Walter Ford, Robert Turfler, Ross Hume Dean, Russel Ihne.

Absent: Prof. Tonner, Ray Wuerthener, Francis Walters, Alfred Collins, Walter Arnott, Ross Rowen, Lawrence Arnott, Clarke Jones, Raleigh Phegley, Edward Smith, Gerald Hitchings, Joe Borntrager, Amos Davison, Charles Cain, Dale Yeoman, Robert Leffer, Isadore Karnowsky, Thomas Cox.

RENSELAER BAND

The band is composed of students of high school, grammar, and primary grades. A few of the senior members are former students of the high school. There were originally two bands, a senior and a beginners' band. Recently these were combined into one, since this year a number of the members of the senior band will be graduated.

Under the splendid leadership of Mr. Tonner, they have been studying faithfully all winter. In the spring they will be prepared to give concerts and to play upon any special occasion.



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MAY QUEEN ATTENDANTS



PAGES



MAY QUEEN



JACK AND JILL



CROWN BEARERS FLOWER GIRLS



CRINOLINE GIRLS WOODEN SOLDIERS





SUNSHINE SOCIETY

President	.....	Bernice Burgin
Vice-President	.....	Ona Hooker
Secretary-Treasurer	.....	Helen West
Faculty Advisor	.....	Miss Grace Norris

The Sunshine Society of the Rensselaer high school was organized April 14, 1922. It consists of all the girls in the high school, with Miss Grace Norris as faculty advisor.

The new members are initiated each year into this society by the "candle service." This impresses the purposes of the organization indelibly upon their minds, as well as being a very pretty service. This is followed by a "rough" initiation, which most of the girls always remember.

The society consists of four committees, one for promoting Sunshine spirit in the community, one for promoting Sunshine spirit in the school, one for entertainment, and a Christmas committee.

The objects of this society are social and charitable. At Christmas time baskets of food are distributed among the needy families of the city. Each necessary article is donated by the members. The girls also take much pleasure in making stockings of net and filling them with oranges, apples, nuts, and candy and giving them to each inmate of the county farm. Besides these each person is remembered by some gift.

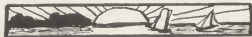
The girls respond willingly and readily to any call which will scatter Sunshine and make the lives of others happier, for by doing so they become happier.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

Following the precedent set for them in former years, the students taking a commercial subject, such as shorthand, bookkeeping, and typewriting, organized a Commercial Club, under the able leadership of Miss M. Huber, the commercial teacher.

This year the Commercial Club was a very large one, and therefore more fully organized, having a constitution and by-laws. At the first meeting, which was held in the latter part of September, the following officers were elected: Thomas Wilcox, president; Francie Grant, vice-president; Dolly Beaver, secretary; Frank Heckinger, treasurer; and Howard Reed, sergeant-at-arms.

One of the aims of this club is to unite the members of the Commercial Club in such a manner that they will be able to co-operate with one another in the commercial subjects. Another aim is a very common one—to make money—money that will help send the commercial students to the district contests held at Logansport, and, perhaps, to the state contests at Muncie. This year the club held benefit shows, jello sales, and a box social and carnival, all of which were very successful money making "schemes."



CHAOS

OPÉRETTE



Nobleman - Pat - Pedro



Stage



Flower Girls



Spanish -



Students



*Senora
de Montero
and
Senor
de Montero*



*Mercedes
and
Emilio*



Marines

*Margarita
and
Hal*



Spanish Students



*Andrew
and
Miss Shindler*



Margarita and Hal

*Miss Ayres
and
Pat*





BELLE OF BARCELONA

Luis de Montero, wealthy plantation owner.....	.....Clarke Jones
Gloria de Montero, his wife.....	.....Margaretta Tilton
Margarita, daughter of the de Monteros.....	.....Rosalind Kruzan
Mercedes, her sister.....	.....Dolly Beaver
Francisco de la Vega, nobleman.....	.....Robert Lefler
Pedro, manager of de Montero's plantation.....	.....Robert Turfler
Emilio, a toreador, suitor of Mercedes.....	.....Walter McColly
Don Juan.....	.....Russel Ihne
Don Jose.....	.....Harold Heuson
Dona Anita.....	.....Dorothy Thompson
Dona Marcela.....	.....Genene Scott
Martha Matilda Ayres, an English governess.....	.....Charlotte Chamberlin
Lieutenant Harold Wright.....	.....Deloss Rowen
Patrick (Pat) Malone, companion of Hal's.....	.....William Malone
Captain Colton, of the cruiser Montana.....	.....Carl Shafer

U. S. Marines—Everett Warren, George Maines, Elmer Ihne, Frank Kresler, Ellis Hopkins, Thomas Wilcox.

Spanish Students—Elizabeth Hartman, Emalee Colton, Mildred Kerlin, Georgena McCallum, Ruth Parkinson, Lois Morrow, Avanelle Warren, Marie Johnson, Kathryn Smith, Sarah Hunt, Mildred Wasson, Elizabeth Lamson, Martha Grant, Jane Myer, Esther Arnott, Margene Roth, Ruth Overton, Helen Wright.

The scene is the Plaza in Barcelona, Spain, during the fiesta time, the day after Margarita's return from a finishing school in Madrid.

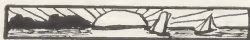
The main characters carried their parts wonderfully. The costumes displayed the native Spanish dress, the harmonizing bright colors against the artistic background of the stage making the scene even more beautiful.

The "Serenade" was particularly beautiful. This was a night scene, the only lights being Japanese lanterns carried by the members of the chorus.

The climax of the play is in the third act when the wedding between the scheming De la Vega and Margarita is interrupted by Hal's arrival by airplane from Paris, where he has procured positive evidence that De la Vega is an imposter. Francisco begs forgiveness, which is finally granted. The parents reluctantly accept the proof that De la Vega is not the nobleman he has claimed to be and consent to the marriage of Lieutenant Wright and Margarita.

The curtain falls upon a scene of joyfulness as the entire company rejoice in the happy culmination of the love affair.

This operetta was presented December 15 and 16 in the high school auditorium, by the high school glee clubs, under the direction of Miss Ona Shindler, instructor in music, who deserves much praise for the success of the production. No small amount of the success, too, was due to the splendid work of the accompanist, Andrew Shindler.





"JUST LIKE JUDY"

The play, "Just Like Judy," a comedy in three acts, by Ernest Denney, was presented by the senior class of 1926, in the high school auditorium, May 24 and 25, and later at St. Joseph's College, June 2.

Judy	Margaret Myer
Peter Keppel (Put-it-off-Peter)	Watson Fendig
Beatrice Draycott.....	Elizabeth Kresler
Mrs. Draycott	Marguerite Nees
Betty Draycott	Elnora Wild
Jimmy Draycott	James Iliff
Trixie O'Farrell	Marjorie Merica
Hugh Crawford (an artist)	Carl Arnott
The Doctor	Albert Northrop

The action all took place in Peter Keppel's studio at Chelsea, England. The play proceeds helped to finance the "Chaos."
Miss Marguerite Norris directed the play.





CALENDAR

- Sept. 6—The old grind begins once more. Three new teachers, Miss Sherwood, Miss Huber, and Mr. Bundy lined up for inspection. Schedules arranged.
- Sept. 7—Seventy-seven freshmen wandering aimlessly about. Seats assigned. Large assembly overflows into freshman assembly.
- Sept. 8—In endeavor to break up "gangs," seats re-assigned.
- Sept. 9—"Gin" and "Allie" resume former practice of occupying A. R. after school.
- Sept. 10—Football practice begins. Twenty-seven men report. Freshies have good representation. Come on 30's! Let's go!
- Sept. 13—First high school orchestra practice. Judging from number of former members, and also new ones, it gives promise of having a splendid year.
- Sept. 14—Seen in Freshman's book report—"Daddy Long Legs" was written by Daniel Webster, and he is a very old writer."
- Sept. 15—Election of class officers. As soon as meetings close all freshman officials wish to resign.
- Sept. 16—Onward, Onward, O Time, in thy flight,
And may the bell ring before I recite.
- Sept. 17—High School Athletic Association organized. Officers elected: Alfred Collins, president; Betty Miller, secretary; Raleigh Phegley, vice-president. Famous birthdays—Genevieve Scott.
- Sept. 20—In a book report—"The natives took Stevenson to the top of the mountain and buried him and he wrote 'Kidnapped'."
- Sept. 21—School progresses rapidly, as we accustom ourselves to the daily routine.
- Sept. 2—First social event of season for ladies of faculty. Misses Shindler and Randle entertain at bridge.
- Sept. 23—Covert and Brier attend "Hoot" Gibson show. A rare evening spent by both.
- Sept. 24—Student Council meeting held. Officers elected: "Cy" Rowen, president; "Gin" Thompson, vice-president; "Allie" Collins, secretary.
- Sept. 27—Election of yell leaders. Everett Warren chosen, with Valeria Telfer as assistant.
- Sept. 28—Mr. Clearwaters bans all parties and activities until we promise to be good. Flapping of wings will be audible for next few weeks.
- Sept. 29—First issue of Rensselaerien out. Eight pages of school fun and affairs. Rain of dimes.
- Sept. 30—Mr. Meyers—"I think Dempsey is a big fool."
"Bal" Hill—"You wouldn't tell him that to his face would you?"
- Oct. 1—Yell practice. Geo. Robinson takes Valeria Telfer's place as assistant yell leader. Parade after school with drum corps n' everything.
- Oct. 2—In first football game of season, team upsets Attica 32-0.
- Oct. 4—Every day in every way, flies are getting thicker and thicker.
- Oct. 5—Commercial Club organized. "Red" Wilcox elected president; Frances Grant, vice-president; and Dolly Beaver, secretary.
- Oct. 6—Heard in a Rensselaer dry cleaning establishment: Popular young teacher: "Mr. Tuteur, can you dye this plain dress and put pin stripes in it?"

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- Oct. 7—Big faculty banquet. New members initiated into mysteries of faculty life.
- Oct. 8—Yell practice. School out early because we've been so good. Famous birthdays—Margene Roth.
- Oct. 9—Team ties with Crown Point in hard contest. Score, 7-7.
- Oct. 11—Election of officers for Dramatic Club. Virginia Thompson, president; Geneene Scott, vice-president; Margaret Wild, secretary; Ernest Graham, treasurer. Famous birthdays—Bernice Burgin.
- Oct. 12—First P. T. A. meeting. Was every student discussed? We wonder.
- Oct. 13—Home Economics club meets at Miss Clarke's and organizes. Following officers were chosen: Helen West, president; Martha Grant, vice-president; Madeline Campbell, secretary.
- Oct. 14—Senior class holds pot-luck supper and party in gym. Where was Harrison?
- Oct. 15—Yell practice and parade after school. Vote on student government, 176 for, 50 against. Three-fourths majority needed for establishment not received.
- Oct. 16—Monticello overcome by score of 14-0. Are we glad?!! Famous birthdays—"Tid" Wright.
- Oct. 18—Important teachers' meeting after school. What have we done now?
- Oct. 19—Chaos staff is expecting visit from Mr. Smurr, representative of engraving company. Geneene Scott—"When is Mr. Smut coming?"
- Oct. 20—Rensselaerien out—Best one yet. Report cards received. Many long faces. School out for week. State Teachers' Association.
- Oct. 23—Hammond Tech conquers Rensselaer 14-0.
- Oct. 25—Attics raided to obtain costumes for Sophomore Hallowe'en party.
- Oct. 26—Work on operetta, "The Belle of Barcelona," begun in earnest. Promises to be very successful.
- Oct. 27—Where did Dud catch the mouse?
- Oct. 28—First prison class. Twenty charter members. Lady members of faculty have masquerade party at Clarke's. Mr. Dean entertains the men. Late hours? I'll say!
- Oct. 29—First defeat of season. West Lafayette 6, Rensselaer 3, in homecoming game.
- Nov. 1—In girls' baseball Fleas beat Mosquitoes in final game 44-10.
- Nov. 2—Election day. Republicans come out on top. Students vote at school.
- Nov. 3—A recent discovery—A person who is dumb and yet can talk—"Tater" Arnott.
- Nov. 4—Just school.
- Nov. 5—Basketball practice begun. Twenty men report, among whom are eight letter men. Let's go, boys!
- Nov. 6—Football team defeated by Jefferson High, 3-0.
- Nov. 8—Impressive Sunshine initiation held. Mrs. Hopkins gives splendid talk to girls. Mothers are our special guests.
- Nov. 9—Mr. Meyers—"Why were the colonists called 'Minute Men'?" Valeria Telfer—"Because they could dress in a minute."
- Nov. 10—Interesting Parent-Teachers' meeting held. Sewing club meets.
- Nov. 11—Armistice day. Our ex-soldiers, Mr. Meyers, Mr. Clearwaters, and Mr. Bundy, give interesting talks.



- Nov. 12—Rensselaer trounces Kentland 21-0 in last football game of season. We didn't "celebrate" this year.
- Nov. 15—"Ouch! Don't touch my arm," is a common cry heard in school these days.
Vaccination days are here, the saddest of all the year.
- Nov. 16—Athletic Association meeting held. Mr. Meyers elected sponsor, as usual. Plans for party are being formed. News item for day—Lucille Hemphill—"The Athletic Association elected Mr. Meyers the entertainment committee."
- Nov. 17—Bob Wright (in history)—"Louis XIV's twin brother was three years older than Louis.
- Nov. 18—Big A. A. party. Everyone has grand time and lots of eats, especially Mr. Harrison.
- Nov. 19—Commercial Club has carnival and box supper. Heaps of fun.
- Nov. 22—Mr. Locke, a returned missionary from China, spoke concerning China of present and future. His interesting talk aroused much comment.
- Nov. 23—Mr. Randle's name added to list of smallpox victims. Too bad!
- Nov. 24—Hurrah! School out for Thanksgiving vacation. Rensselaerians out.
- Nov. 29—Gerald Hitchings wins a first prize at International Live Stock Show. Congratulations, Gerald.
- Nov. 30—Underclassmen decide, by voting, to have standard high school ring and pin. Team defeated by Fair Oaks 18-14, in first basketball game of season.
- Dec. 1—Sewing club holds meeting at Grammar building.
- Dec. 2—Seniors struggling over play writing. "See the birdy" heard in Parker's studio as Chaos and Rensselaerians staffs pose for pictures for the Chaos.
- Dec. 3—Rensselaer bows to defeat at hands of Monticello's "fighting five," 32-15.
- Dec. 6—Miss M. Norris in Sophomore spelling—"The next word is conjunction, the conjunction of a verb."
- Dec. 7—Enrollment of smallpox victims continues to increase, despite large number of vaccinations.
- Dec. 8—Third P. T. A. meeting held.
- Dec. 9—A history question—Trace the source of the Halitosis river from the roots to the mouth.
- Dec. 10—Rensselaer wins over Kentland 19-14. Hurrah!
- Dec. 13—Twelve days yet to shop. Christmas spirit entering the air.
- Dec. 14—Zelma Cockerill wants Mr. Webb to tell her whether nitrates are higher than "day rates."
- Dec. 15—First night of operetta, "The Belle of Barcelona," a huge success.
- Dec. 16—We arrive in halls of learning to find all books stacked. Second night of operetta even better than first. Three cheers for Miss Shindler.
- Dec. 17—Game with Wheatfield postponed. They were afraid of our smallpox.
- Dec. 18—Team romps over Morocco in easy game. Score 31-16.
- Dec. 20—Miss Sherwood called home because of mother's illness. In teacher's meeting faculty decide to abolish Christmas gifts and have a play and entertainment. Miss Shindler and Miss Bent take charge.
- Dec. 21—Home Economics classes engaged in candy-making. "Gimme some," a common plaintive cry heard. Famous birthdays—Francie Grant..



- Dec. 22—Mr. Smart, of Morocco, gives talks to Economics classes on insurance. Come again, Mr. Smart. Operetta scenery taken down. Stage loses festive air.
- Dec. 23—Interesting play, "The Toy Shop," given before students of R. H. S. Many grads return to visit. Team again defeated, this time by Monon 32-28. School out for Christmas vacation.
- Dec. 30—Brook beats Rensselaer 24-19 at Brook.
- Jan. 3—Students come tripping merrily back to work after restful (?) and happy vacation.
- Jan. 4—If it takes a mosquito three hours to bore a hole through an elephant's ear, how long will it take the Mississippi to flow through a two-inch gas pipe?
- Jan. 5—Home Economics Club holds enjoyable meeting at home of Martha Grant.
- Jan. 6—Hi-Y and Student Council face the picture machine for Chaos pictures.
- Jan. 7—Team overcomes Goodland, there, 28-15. Wish we could bring their gym home with us.
- Jan. 8—Monticello defeated by R. H. S. in local gym, 43-30.
- Jan. 10—Mr. Meyers (in Sophomore history)—"Who was the gardener in the War of Roses?"
- Jan. 11—Cicero class has picnic at noon in Miss Grace Norris's room. Loads to eat and heaps of fun.
- Jan. 12—Sewing Club meets at "Gin" Thompson's. Genene Scott, assistant hostess.
- Jan. 13—Extra large prison class. Miss Stahl has to have an assistant. Snow falls all day and night. We need umbrellas to hold over us while we study. Roof leaks. Hip boots needed for outdoor wear.
- Jan. 14—Yell practice. Rensselaer downed by Goodland 29-27, here.
- Jan. 15—We defeated Remington 37-27.
- Jan. 17—Whole school in chaos. All books stacked and thoroughly mixed. Who was guilty? Examination questions already concealed by wise pedagogues.
- Jan. 18—Every student "burning midnight oil" in preparation for exams.
- Jan. 19 and 20—Exams!!!
- Jan. 21—One day of refreshing vacation after our strenuous toil.
- Jan. 22—Brook 34, Rensselaer 38. One more ancient rival "bites the dust." Certainly was one thrilling game.
- Jan. 24—Beginning of second semester. Schedules readjusted. Only four and a half more months of school. Everybody happy.
- Jan. 25—Seen on Junior English test—Did all of Chaucer's Canterbury's have tales?
- Jan. 26—Report cards given out. Many bottles of red ink spilled by faculty. Some doleful and lots of happy faces seen.
- Jan. 27—Standard class pin and ring chosen. Design drawn by "Butter" Harris.
- Jan. 28—Bible class organized. Girls admitted to membership. Officers elected. Raleigh Phegley, president; Howard Robinson, vice-president; "Shorty" Wild, secretary. Rensselaer wends way toward finals in county tournament by beating Tefft 35-12.



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- Jan. 29—Team defeats Wheatfield 30-13, winning position in final game. Final: Rensselaer 37, Remington 21.
- Jan. 31—Student body celebrates tourney victory by snake dance through town, a comedy generously given by Mr. Kresler, then a free-for-all dance at Armory. Mr. Clearwaters had to go up town to lead his "children" back to school.
- Feb. 1—Mr. Webb wants to know the answer to this momentous question: "If we breath oxygen in the day, do we breath nitrogen at night?" A stupendous reward will be given to any individual capable of furnishing this requisite information.
- Feb. 2—Ground hog sees shadow. Six more weeks of winter, you know.
- Feb. 3—"Bal" Hill—"The pages in the senate get paid for listening to a lot of bunk, but we don't." Mr. Meyers—"Yes, we all get tired of your chatter."
- Feb. 4—Rensselaer overcomes Lowell there by 38-35 score, in hard contest First Bible class held. Members divided into six groups. Course given during music period on Fridays.
- Feb. 5—Oxford beaten by team 39-28.
- Feb. 7—G. A. A. party in gym. Every girl attending dressed as cowboy or barmaid. "Drinks" dispensed by Ruth Maxwell, the bartender, from an old fashioned bar. Did you see Grace Norris chew gum so artistically?
- Feb. 8—Heard in English class—Miss M. Norris—"What were some of Shakespeare's plays?" Frances Grant—"Didn't he write 'Ten Nights in a Barroom'?"
- Feb. 9—Miss Norris announces intention of placing new chairs in Latin room so that "Andy" will have a place to put his unwieldy feet. She fears for safety of the walls.
- Feb. 10—Dramatic club has excellent party in Miss M. Norris's room. Initiation of new members. Afterward club attends show "Variety."
- Feb. 11—Team up-sets Remington by 39-29 score.
- Feb. 12—Rensselaer overcomes Oxford 29-27, making our ninth consecutive victory. Famous birthdays—Emalee Colton.
- Feb. 14—Chaos begins Good Fellowship contest.
- Feb. 15—All girls taking sewing are either cheerfully exclaiming because buttonholes are finished or groaning because they aren't.
- Feb. 16—Nominations for Good Fellowship contest close with seventeen nominees. Voting begins. Rensselaerians out.
- Feb. 17—In Senior English—Miss M. Norris—"According to Jonathan Edwards, preachers were very poor unless they talked of Hell and Brimstone." Dot T. (who hadn't read the lesson)—"Who's Helen Brimstone?"
- Feb. 18—Team defeated by Battle Ground 49-22 in hard battle. Our luck turns.
- Feb. 19—Medaryville conquered by "varsity" 34-29.
- Feb. 21—Formal Hi-Y initiation held. Very impressive ceremony. Primary P. T. A. meets in H. S. auditorium. Mr. Webb loses pounds trying to attend P. T. A., Hi-Y initiation, and choir practice in same evening.
- Feb. 22—Senior pictures taken in Parker's studio. Senior boys all "shaven and shorn." Girls display very latest in "marcels" and "bobs." Aren't we proud of our classy class though?
- Feb. 23—Team goes to Goodland to practice for sectional. Good luck, boys.

CHAOS



Commercial Club.



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Home Ec. Club.



Home Ec.



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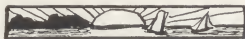
- Feb. 24—Extra class continues for wrong doers. Cathouse, prison class or what-you-may-call-it. We'll soon have to move this class to the big assembly.
- Feb. 25—Gang defeats Kentland 31-30.
- Feb. 26—Team bows to Wheatfield by 30 to 19 score.
- Feb. 28—Eight members of senior class chosen to be members of National Honor Society: Dolly Beaver, Bernice Burgin, Dorothy Thompson, Lucille Herath, Alfred Collins, Robert Lefler, Jennings Ramey, and Margaretta Tilton.
- Mar. 1—March comes in quiet, but cloudy. Famous birthdays—Miss Stahl. S'pose the medical society gave her a rose for each year.
- Mar. 2—Band pictures taken for Chaos.
- Mar. 3—Prison class not held because of tournament preparation. We hope!
- Mar. 4—School out at noon. First day of sectional tourney at Goodland. Rensselaer defeats Tefft 32-7.
- Mar. 5—Goodland ousts our team from further competition by score of 29-19. Kentland beats Goodland in finals 25-24.
- Mar. 7—We failed to stage celebration which was planned. Good Fellowship contest ends. The Good Fellows were: Girls—"Shorty" Wild, first; Betty Miller, second. Boys—"Red" Wilcox, first; "Alfie" Collins, second. Hurrah for the Juniors.
- Mar. 8—Shrill shrieks penetrate the air as practice on Dramatic Club plays progresses.
- Mar. 9—Dramatic Club meeting. Cast receives royal "bawling out," continued into second hour.
- Mar. 10—"Burglars" and "The Florist Shop" presented by the Masque and Wig. What a scream!!! Especially the former. Prison class not held because of class tournament. Scores: Faculty 41, Grades 20; Sophomores 5, Frosh 11; Seniors 27, Juniors 0.
- Mar. 11—Tournament continues—Faculty 19, Soph. 10; Grades 10, Juniors 5; Seniors 10, Frosh 9.
- Mar. 14—More tournament—Faculty 20, Frosh 14; Seniors 42, Grades 12; Sophomores 13, Juniors 8.
- Mar. 15—Miss Norris's birthday celebrated by Senior English classes. Cake n' everything. No test. Big time had by all. P. T. A. meeting held. Tournament scores—Faculty 22, Juniors 12; Frosh 8, Grades 2; Seniors 11, Sophomores 9.
- Mar. 16—Home Economics Club holds meeting at Morrow's. Tournament—Faculty 7, Seniors 6; Soph. 38, Grades 5; Frosh 19, Juniors 9. Senior English classes enjoy (?) test.
- Mar. 17—Banquet given for football, basketball, and track boys by Cpts. Ward and Collins and the Junior and Senior classes. "Red" Wilcox elected football captain and Lawrence Arnott basketball captain for next year, and Howard Reed track captain for this year. Faculty withdraw from class tournament. Fear of the seniors overcomes their ambitious minds. Sophomores 25, Grades 11; Seniors 13, Freshmen 12.
- Mar. 18—Seniors 15, Sophomores 7, in final game. Class of '27 wins banner for second time. Miss Shindler's birthday.
- Mar. 21—Student body enjoys excellent talk by Mr. Shumaker. Three members of Chaos staff, with Miss Martindale, class sponsor, motor to Lafayette to interview Lafayette Printing Co.



- Mar. 22—Cast for senior play chosen: Martha Grant, Virginia Thompson, Dorothy Thompson, Dolly Beaver, Margaretta Tilton, Robert Lefler, Wm. Ward, Walter Arnott, "Cy" Rowen. Sew Club meets in Grammar building. Several students and teachers go to Lafayette to attend Jordan River Revue, in which Margaret Myer has lead.
- Mar. 23—All members of faculty are banqueted at Hunt's.
- Mar. 24—Physical culture demonstration given in gym before all students.
- Mar. 25—Physical culture demonstration repeated in afternoon and evening for benefit of parents. Showing of regular class work as well as some special acts. Music appreciation team goes to Indianapolis to participate in state contest. Team composed of Avanelle Warren, Rosalind Kruzan, and Ruth Thompson. Gym exhibition held in afternoon and evening a great success. Hurrah for "Peg" Sherwood. Bible class held.
- Mar. 26—Betty Miller, Margene Roth, and Ione Sigo take part in district Latin contest.
- Mar. 28—Final Bible class before review and test. Senior girls choose linen for dresses. Typing eliminations held. First, Mary Wortley; second, "Chick" Chamberlain; third, Bernice Burgin, and Helen Bruce; fourth, "Bob" Lefler. Two perfect scores made by music team on Saturday.
- Mar. 29—Rensselaerians out. School dismissed for spring vacation.
- Apr. 4—We reluctantly return to school after a "springy" vacation. Seniors busily writing in each other's autograph booklets. Senior class meeting.
- Apr. 5—Preparations for musical to be given April 7 hastening to completion. Basketball letters awarded.
- Apr. 6—Seniors absent-mindedly quoting verses for English to any one who will listen. Several women teachers exercise under tutelage of Miss Sherwood.
- Apr. 7—Musical under direction of Miss Shindler given in gym for benefit of Chaos very enjoyable. Bible class review.
- Apr. 8—Difficult test given Bible students. Girls' basketball practice continues. Collection taken up for flower fund.
- Apr. 11—G. A. A. meeting. Track boys working hard. Senior play practice begun.
- Apr. 12—Russel Ihne sprouts out in a new flashy sweater. Everyone gets hot.
- Apr. 13—New members of G. A. A. initiated in a rousing good ceremony. We noticed that many girls wore their hair behind their ears.
- Apr. 14—Many six weeks' exams given, and students seem down on the world.
- Apr. 15—Second six weeks ends. Everyone is glad, because only six weeks more until school is out.
- Apr. 16—Rally day. All county schools participate. Exhibits, etc., in court house draw big crowd. Governor Jackson is speaker of day. R. H. S. takes part in Kentland's field meet with Oxford, Brook, and Kentland.
- Apr. 18—Girls' basketball tournament begins.
- Apr. 19—Constitution eliminations begin in school. We never knew we had so many orators.
- Apr. 20—Grade cards are thrust upon unwilling students. Much laughter and weeping took place.



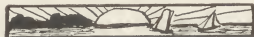
- Apr. 23—Commercial students represent R. H. S. at Logansport. County track meet here. Orchestral, choral, reading, and oratorical contests in evening.
- Apr. 27—P. T. A. meeting. Rensselaeriens out.
- Apr. 29—County constitutional oratorical contest.
- Apr. 30—R. M. D. track and field meet at Rensselaer.
- May 7—Dual track meet—open date.
- May 14—Sectional track meet, probably at Kentland.
- May 18—Rensselaeriens are out in afternoon.
- May 19—May Day and music program in evening.
- May 20—Senior-Freshman day and class night. Chaoses distributed.
- May 22—Baccalaureate—school exhibit.
- May 23—Senior class play.
- May 24—Exams begin for all but seniors. Class play repeated.
- May 25—More exams, Junior-Senior reception.
- May 26—Commencement. Every lucky senior gets a diploma.
- May 27—End of school. Alumni banquet and dance.





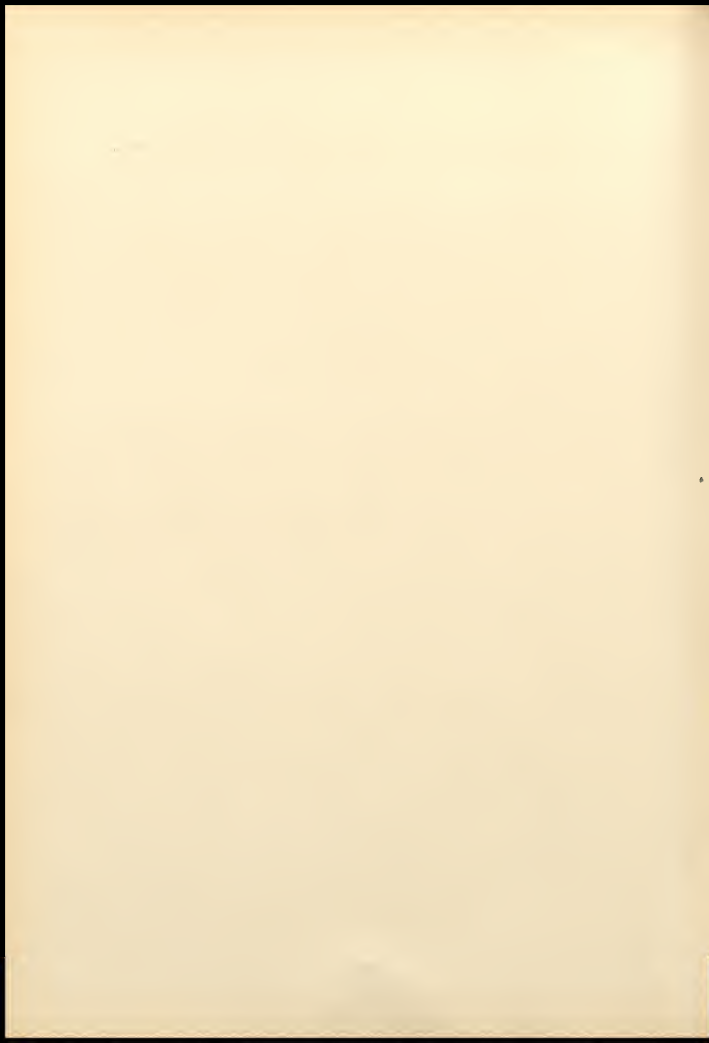
SENIOR FLIVVER

Steering Gear	Miss Stahl
Self starter	Mr. Clearwaters
Fenders (rattling)—	Madeline Campbell, Helen Borntrager, Mary Reed, Francie Grant.
Gas (low)	Louis Fiala
Carburetur (is he adjusted?)	Bob Lefler
Bumper	Bill Ward
Bearings (polished)	Dolly Beaver, Amos Davisson, Bernice Burgin
Lights (always out)	Alfred Collins and Virginia Thompson
Speedometer (speed)	Genene Scott
Horn (blower)	"Cy" Rowen
Springs (squeaking)	Lucile Herath, Lois Morrow
Windshield (transparent)	Russel Ihne
Exhaust (smoking)	Delos Bengston
Transmission (grind)	Dorothy Thompson
Tires (inflated)—	Gerald Hitchings, Della Bates, Louise Cederwall, Evelyn Borntrager.
Spare tire (extra air)	Skinny Randle
Front wheels (shimmying)	Lorraine Smith and Adra Lee
Nuts (loose)—	Verneise Harris, Howard Reed, Bill Amsler, Viola Cox, Lillian Elder, Pauline Kahler, Vera Ogle, Irene Yeoman.
Frame (important part)	Class of '27
Spark plugs (snap)	Margaretta Tilton, Martha Grant
Magneto (attractive)	Harriet McKay
Cushions (kinda hard)	Don Smith and Ernest Tripp
Crank (hard work)	Miss Clarke
Wishbone (always broke)	Walter Arnott
Running board (stepped on)	Freshmen
Spot light (shining)	Ruth Parkinson
Tools (needed)	Frank Heckinger, Gladys Robinson
Top (height)	Jennings Ramey
Rough road	Faculty
Muffler (hot air)	Goldie Sanders
Cut out (racket)	Orchestra
Streamline body (nuff said)	Clark Jones
Style of body (radio bug)	Elizabeth Lamson
Model	1927
Color	Gray and gold





JOKES





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SAYINGS—WISE AND OTHERWISE

ODE IN PRAISE OF MATHEMATICS

Oh, geometry, geometry!
A solid study, you'll agree;
And what care I how "plane" it be,
If it be not "plain" to me?

"What's geometry about?"
You ask me. Well, you'll soon find out,
If you have to study it some day,
It's about the limit, so I'll say!

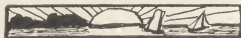
Such vexing problems I meet each day,
That I'm sure my hair is turning gray;
Is a girl "extreme" if she isn't "mean"?
Are square root tables painted green?

And angles!—if your brain's "acute,"
Your work is "right," and sure to suit.
But if you chance to be "obtuse,"
To toil and weep is not much use.

If you plant cube roots in the ground, what grows?
And where has polygon, who knows?
And where does an angle get its degree?
And is it B. A. or Ph. D.?

THINGS YOU WILL NEVER SEE

Charles Grow without chewing gum.
Hank without Dorothy.
Valeria not smiling.
Leona Shafer tall.
Andrew short.
Miss Clarke not busy.
Adra with straight hair.
Shorty agreeing with Mr. Meyers.
The English teachers assigning short lessons.
Lew not skipping school.
Skivvy not in mischief.
Mr. Clearwaters cross.
Tid not talking.
Lorraine with black hair.





Returned Tourist (to friend)—"Well, I liked Paris and Rome, but the best part of the whole thing was the trip over. Don't miss that, whatever you do, if you go to Europe!"

Reproved

The tramp paused outside the house.

"Clear out!" shouted the woman of the house. "I ain't got no wood to chop. There ain't nothing you could do around here."

"But, madam, there is," retorted the wayfarer with dignity. "I could give you a few lessons in grammar."

Spelling

Father (who has just received note from the teacher)—"Son, Miss Blank tells me you are at the foot of the spelling class again."

Son—"Yes, sir."

Father (sternly)—"How come this time?"

Son—"I put too many z's in scissors."

Men of limited intelligence generally condemn what is above their power of understanding.—La Roche.

You can pick out fools by their questions and wise men by their answers.

Harry Ward (book report)—"The men died from freezing, but when it got warmer they started on their march again."

Miss M. (in English II class)—"What was the first work of Swift that attracted attention?"

Clarke Reed (very sure he has the correct answer this time)—"Tale of a Bath Tub."

Miss Martindale—Jewel, were you absent yesterday?

Jewel (absent-mindedly)—"Why n-not that I know of."

Junior's definition—Pentameter is a line of poetry five feet long.

As You Like It

Leo—"Audrey was a country wretch."

Morgan—"Silvius was the first owner of the little sheep coat."

Mr. Dean is naming members of various committees for Educational Day. He asks Miss Stahl to serve on the "Health" committee (to work out a "health" project).

Miss Stahl—"Oh, Mr. Dean, I don't know anything about health."

Mr. Dean—"Well, perhaps you can get some instructions from the health officer."

A Rueful Rhyme

A son at college wrote to his father:

"No mon, no fun, your son."

The father answered: "How sad, too bad, your dad."

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Father—"I greatly disapprove of that young Smith, and one particular reason is his lack of interest in his calling."

Daughter—"His calling? Why, Daddy, he calls seven evenings in the week."

At the last of school prizes were distributed. When Charles returned home, his mother was entertaining callers. "Well, my boy," said one of the callers, "did you get a prize?"

"No," replied Charles, "but I got horrible mention."

Miss Stahl—"What's the most common impediment in the speech of American people?"

Iris—"Chewing gum."

Madeline—"Have you ever met the only man you could be happy with?"
Francie—"Oh, lots of them!"

"Why did you strike the telegraph operator?" the judge asked the negro.
"Well, yo' honor," said the culprit, "I hands him a telegram for my girl, an' he starts readin' it. So I just nachully up an' hands him one."

Lecturer—"What have any of you done to save our timber? I repeat—what have you done?"

Faint voice from rear—"I shot a woodpecker once."

Who Was This?

"How's your new office boy getting along?"

"Fine! He's got things so mixed up that I couldn't get along without him."

Mrs. Brown—"Does your husband object to cats?"

Mrs. Smith—"Yes, indeed, he says I feed all the cats in the neighborhood. Won't you stay and have tea?"

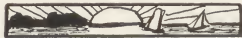
There is a young lady named Gin,
Who fights with one of her kin,
They scold and they glare,
And they almost pull hair,
And cause a terrible din.

Emma reading sign over ticket office—"Oh, Ward, it says, 'Entire balcony 35c.' Let's get it, so we'll be all alone."

"Red"—"Do you want to marry a one-eyed man?"

Gertrude—"No, why?"

"Red"—"Then let me carry your umbrella."



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Young Male Voice (nervously)—Er-yes. Just say—er-Toodle-oo-sweeteetums—from Allie.

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In the old days, if anybody missed a stage coach he was contented to wait two or three days for the next. Now he lets out a squawk if he misses one section of a revolving door.

Miss Norris was trying to impress upon her class the importance of doing right at all times, and to bring out the answer "bad habits," she inquired—"What is it that we find so easy to get into and so hard to get out of?"

There was silence for a moment, and then Tid Wright answered, "Bed."

Dud Sands—"I'm not going to school today, 'cause we've got to work too hard."

Mrs. Sands—"What have you got to do?"

Dud—"I don't know, but teacher said that we'd have calloused thenics after today's classes."

Elmer Ihne—"I didn't know you knew Louise until I saw you together last night."

Carl S.—"Oh, yes! I met her in a revolving door, and began going around with her."

A freshman inquires why when a man is out for the sprints, he is called a sprinter, when he is out for track, he isn't called a tractor.



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Stranger—"I bet you're on the football team."

Charlie W. (proudly)—"Well, yes, I do the aerial work."

Stranger—"What is that?"

C. W.—"I blow up the football."

Arno—"How did you happen to take up Walter all of a sudden?"

Nat. B.—"He goes so well with my green dress."

Little Mary was stroking her newly acquired kitten, when it began to purr. "Mother! Mother!" called Mary, "where do you shut off the gas? This cat's beginning to boil!"

Student—"Say, but your jokes are a poor lot."

Editor—"Oh, I don't know. I put a bunch of them in the stove, and the fire just roared."

Teacher (who is attempting to instill grammar into a class of unwilling students)—"Mary, you may tell me the names of the genders."

Mary (absently)—"Muscular and feline."

Teacher—"Robert, do you know that you have broken the eighth commandment by stealing James's apple?"

Robert—"Well, I might just as well break the eighth and have the apple as to break the tenth and only covet it."

Teacher—"Keith, give me a sentence containing the word 'anthracite'."

Keith (who speaks with a lisp)—"We had a big party latht week and you ought to have heard my aunth rethite."

Bill—"Look Allie's going to kick goal."

Lois—"Oh, dear! What did the goal do?"

Mary—"Here's the engagement ring you gave me—I love another."

Lester—"What is his name and address?"

Mary (excitedly)—"You're not going to kill him?"

Lester—"Oh, no! I want to sell him the ring."

Principal—"If you must fight, why don't you pick on a bigger boy?"

Tim—"Cause this is as big a one as I can lick."

Teacher—"What are you going to be when you get out of high school?"

Dud—"A very old man."

Thomas Inkley (contest in U. S. History)—"General Braddock was killed in the Revoutionary War. He had three horses shot under him, and a fourth went through his clothes."

Perhaps no good man ever succeeded wholly; but assuredly no good work done with a man's whole heart and strength in a good cause is ever wasted.—Michael Collins.

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Mother—"I think so. The authorities haven't written for a week."

"Will you marry me?" asked the young man.

"Certainly not!" replied the damsel.

And they lived happily ever after.

Pete H.—"I never saw such dreamy eyes."

Rosie—"You never stayed so late."

Teacher—"Walter, what was it Sir Walter Raleigh said when he placed his cloak on the muddy road for the beautiful queen to walk over?"

Walter—"Step on it, Kid!"

Chic—"Who was that lady I saw you with last night?"

Sarah—"That was no lady. That was my brother in his new Oxford bags."

First R. H. S. Alumna—"Gracious, it's been five years since I've seen you. You look lots older, too."

Second R. H. S. Alumna—"Really, my dear? I doubt if I would have recognized you, but for your coat."

Editor—"What shall I say about the two peroxide blondes who made such a fuss at the game?"

Reporter—"Why, say the bleachers went wild."

The Wrong Spot

Friend—What happened to that valet of yours?

Jones—I fired him for removing a spot from one of my suits.

Friend—But isn't he supposed to do that?

Jones—Yes, but this was a ten spot.

History Teacher—What were the different ages in history?

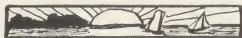
Student—The stone age, bronze age, iron age.

History Teacher—What age are we living in now?

Student—The hard-boiled age.

"What's the fuss in the school yard, sonny?" asked a gentleman passing a ward school.

"Why, the doctor's just been around examinin' us, an' one of the 'deficient' boys is knocking the stuffin' out of a 'perfect' kid."



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2. Thou shalt not loiter in the halls.
3. Thou shalt talk to no one but teachers, for if thou dost, thou shalt encounter teachers on all sides ready to whack that abstract quantity, department.
4. Honor teachers and principal that their days may be long in this school (after we have left).
5. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's answers to test questions, chemistry, geometry problems, or Virgil translations.
6. Thou shalt have no other schools before this. Let pleasure be secondary.
7. Thou shalt regard the office floor as sacred ground, and shalt therefore tread gently and reverently thereon.
8. Thou shalt not become unduly angry if thy teacher assigneth twenty pages in history. He realizes the persuasive powers in such an assignment.
9. Thou shalt not eat lolly-pops, candy, or chew gum within these sacred portals.
10. Thou shalt not pass.

During the skating season Dorothy Thompson ordered some skates from the athletic goods supply house. A few days later Mr. Clearwaters received the following letter:

"We regret very much we are going to be unable to fill your order for a pair of C L H size eight skates either from our stock or from the factory. The largest stock size we have is five and one-half, while the largest stock size the factory makes is a seven. To have these made up special it would take at least three weeks, and if you desire we will try to get the factory to make them, but right at this time this will be an uncertainty, due to the demand on the factory for skating outfits."—The Sutcliffe Co.

Betty Thompson, after seeing Andrew Shindler in the Phy. Ed. demonstration, said, "Who is that handsome man playing the piano? I bet Miss Shindler has a big crush on him, 'cause I see them walking to school together every day.

Walter McColly (blurring forth as usual)—Miss Brier, somebody put a thumb tack on my chair.

Miss Brier (accustomed to his chattering)—That's all right, Walter, go on with your work.

Stranger (driving through Rensselaer)—Is Milroy Park open on Sundays?

Madeline Campbell—Yes, from two to five.

Miss Brier—Arno, erase your seat and take your problem.

Abie: F-U-N-E-X?

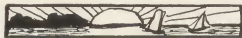
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(If you don't understand this, have Lew Hayes translate it.)



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In Mr. Meyer's history class, Dorothy Thompson was having a very difficult time keeping the fifth hour class quiet.

Dorothy—Don't you know Mr. Clearwaters isn't very far off?
Freddy Fendig—Oh! Isn't he? I thought he was clear off.

In Mrs. E. Lamson's Sunday school class one little boy asked, "What does Jesus look like?"

Another Little Boy—"Why, I thought he looked like Bob Lefler."

Robert Turler wants to know if it's instinct that makes a cow cross the road when a car is coming.

Carl Shafer had been hearing his father rave about his new Whippits and their ability to take the steepest hills. At the dinner table on Sunday he suddenly dumbfounded his parents by demanding, "Pa, does the Lord Almighty own a Whippit too?"

Father—"Great Scott! No, son. Why?"

Carl—"Well, at Sunday school we had a hymn that went, 'If I love Him when I die, He will take me home on high.'"

Mr. Grant—Yutch, what do I hear—that you have disobeyed your grandmother, who told you just now not to jump down those steps?

Yutch—Grandma didn't tell us not to, Dad; she only came to the door and said, "I wouldn't jump down those stairs, boys. And I shouldn't think she would, an old lady like her."

Emalee Colton, struggling with her Latin one day, left out a word.

Miss Norris—Emalee, you left out a word.

Emalee—Oh, I didn't know what it meant.

J. C. Hill—Have you ever seen "MacBeth," Miss Martindale?

Miss M.—Yes, I have seen it twice.

J. C.—Must have stayed for both shows.

Often Getting Burnt

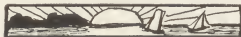
To be a college bred,
Means a four year loaf,
With a lot of dough,
As well as plenty of crust.

Helen West—I wonder why Helen of Troy had such a reputation for beauty.

Kate Smith—Why, that's easy to see, she got all her clothes from Paris.

In Mr. Meyers's history class Genene Scott had written some checks on the board, and she had a mistake.

Mr. Meyers—Other than that, I don't see anything wrong with your form.



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To make a fur coat, take an ordinary yellow slicker, smear it evenly and thoroughly with a good grade of heavy glue. Put it on and then roll on the floor of any nearby barber shop. Brush lightly to secure the proper effect.

Charles Grow—How long does a person live without brains?
Mr. Clearwaters—How old are you?

Miss Norris—Have you ever read "To a Mouse"?
Senior—No, how do you get them to listen?

Many a case of love at first sight is due to dim lights.

So you are attending barber college? What is your college yell?
Cut his lip, gash his jaw, leave his face just raw, raw, raw.

Teacher—What are the names of the bones in your hand?
Claude (guiltily)—Dice.

At Junior Prom

Junior Girl—Are you from Sweden?

Lew Hayes—No, why?

J. G.—You dance as if you had snow shoes on.

Visitor in Art Class—What is this?

Art Student—A sunset. Haven't you ever seen one?

Visitor—Yes, that's why I asked.



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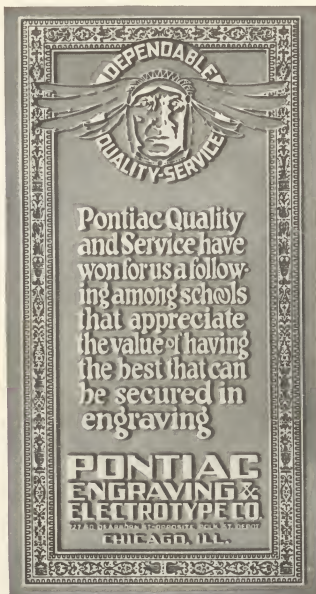
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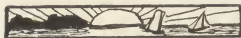
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